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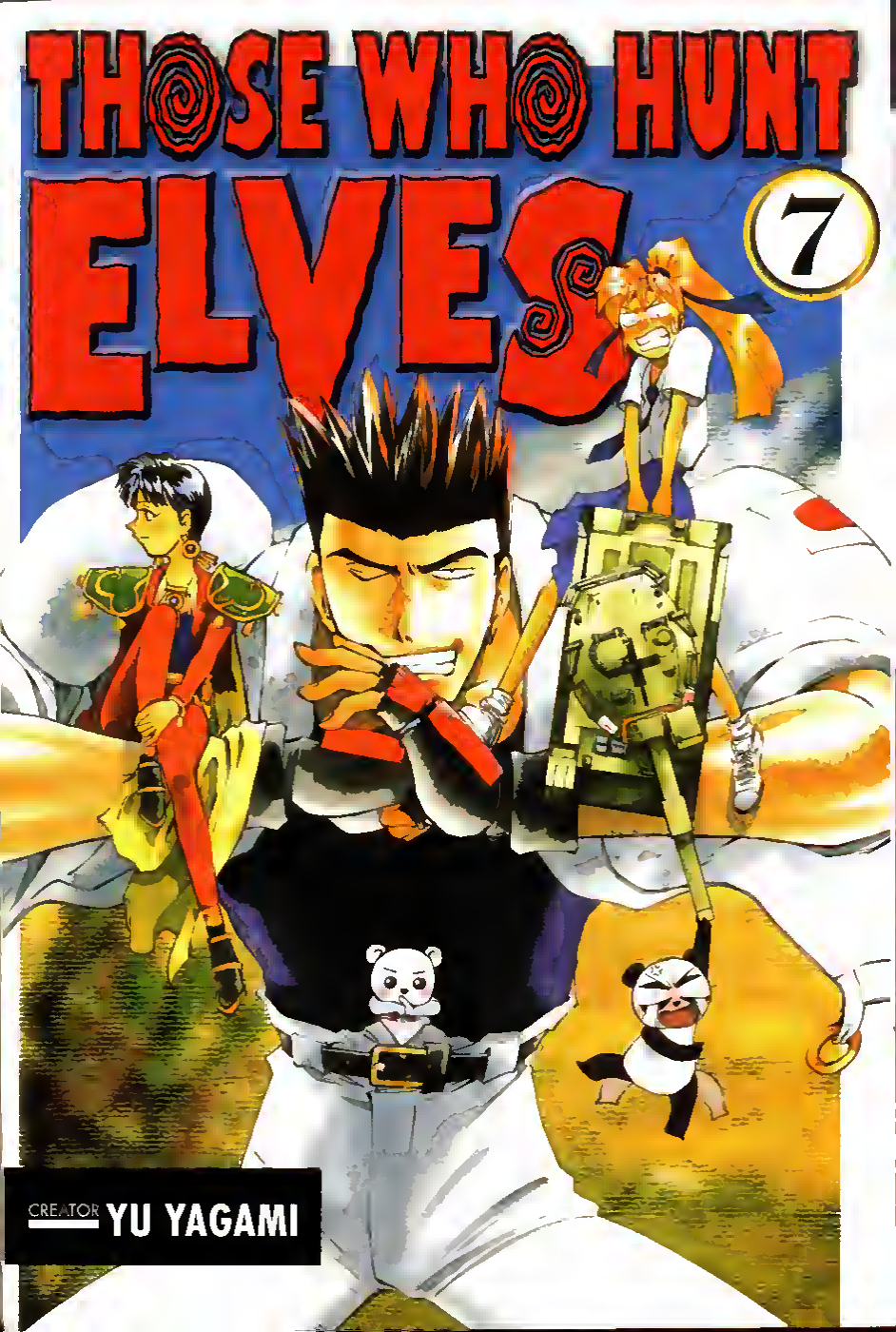

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Those Who Hunt Elves

VII

The Story So Far...

THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES

When a summoning spell went awry, an actress, a martial arts expert and a military specialist became trapped in a magical world of sorcery and spells. They were forced to roam a foreign land, searching for the wily elves who carry the fragments of the spell upon their lovely, naked skin, but coping with their fate has been far from easy. Fighting a battle pirate-style, losing their meager supply of spell fragments, and watching their elven tour guide first become a mustached dog, then a cute and cuddly panda bear are just a few of their tragically hilarious misfortunes! But our motley crew of summoners and strangers are notorious for standing up to the impossible, and after freeing themselves from the strong arm of the wicked Madame Grachelle, they once again returned to their beloved practice of elf hunting...and elf fishing! Every nook and cranny of a different world is up for grabs, but the path to Japan has left these wanderers weary and unwilling. And Junpei is certainly feeling the effects of an overextended search....

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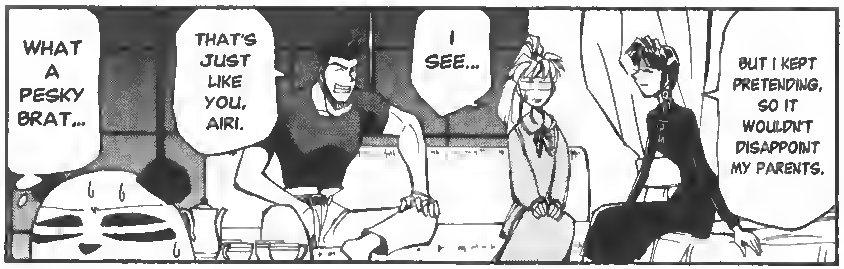

WHAT A PESKY BRAT...
THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU, AIRI.
I SEE...
BUT I KEPT PRETENDING, SO IT WOULDN'T DISAPPOINT MY PARENTS.

BUT IN THIS WORLD, IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE.
OH, SANTA? YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE THIS...
HOW LONG DID YOU BELIEVE IN HIM, CELCIA?

IT'S A RESPECTABLE PROFESSION IN THE SERVICE INDUSTRIES. IT'S NOTHING UNUSUAL.
WHAT THE ...?!
WHAT?!
FWUP

!!
IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE TONIGHT.
GO OUT ON THE BALCONY AND TAKE A LOOK.

THAT WAS JUST A FEW YEARS AGO, WASN'T IT?
YOU KNOW, I BELIEVED IN SANTA CLAUS UNTIL I WAS IN JUNIOR HIGH!

OH DEAR.
AND I REMEMBER CRYING REALLY HARD.

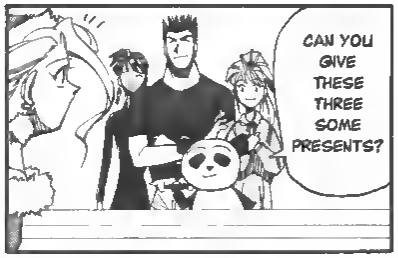
IT WAS A BIT TRAGIC FOR ME.
HOW ABOUT YOU, AIRI?

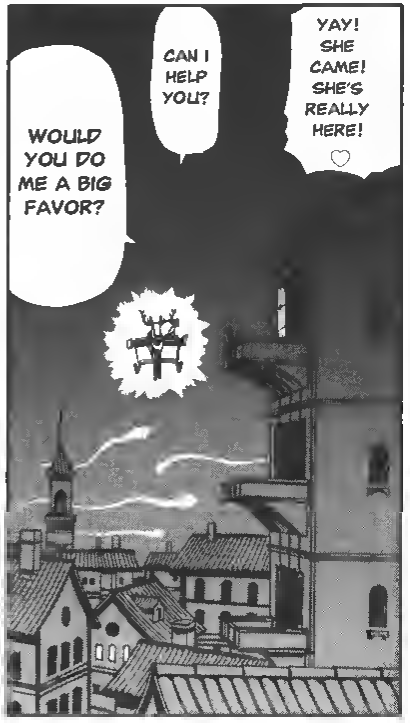
DEAD SILENCE
しーん
I FIGURED OUT THAT MY DAD WAS WEARING A SANTA COSTUME WHEN I WAS ONLY THREE YEARS OLD.

#26 Ritsuko's Christmas

#26 律子のクリスマス

HI!!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!


CAN YOU GIVE THESE THREE SOME PRESENTS?


YAY! SHE CAME! SHE'S REALLY HERE!
CAN I HELP YOU?
WOULD YOU DO ME A BIG FAVOR?

WHAT?!

I'M SORRY, BUT THESE ARE FOR CHILDREN.
I KNOW.
BUT CAN YOU PLEASE!! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THEY'VE SEEN A SANTA.

AFTER ALL, THERE ARE WITCHES ON BROOMSTICKS AND MEN WITH WINGS HERE.
YEAH, I GUESS SO.
I SEE. SO THIS IS AN ORDINARY THING HERE.

I TOLD YOU THEY WERE "COMMON" HERE.
WHEN THERE'RE SO MANY, IT AIN'T SPECIAL ANY MORE.

THEY REALLY ARE SANTAS.
BUT IT MAKES ME HAPPY.

ALL I WANT IS A HAND-SHAKE!
I'LL NEGOTIATE, BUT DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP.

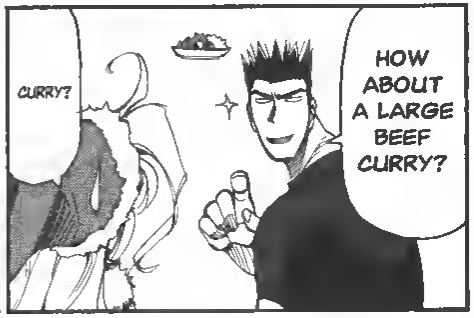
I DOUBT IT. BUT THEY MIGHT COME.
DO YOU THINK THEY'LL BRING US PRESENTS?
YEAH!
I WONDER IF THEY'LL COME HERE.
HEY,

WELL, WE'RE...
I'M SO SORRY!!
THE OLDER NAME LIST HAD A LOT OF MISTAKES.
EACH OF YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE.
AS AN APOLOGY, LET ME GIVE YOU SOME PRESENTS.
THUD
I KNOW WHAT I WANT.
DON'T WORRY! IT'S CHRISTMAS, AFTER ALL.
I HATE TO BOTHER YOU
YOU TAKE REQUESTS?
REALLY?!

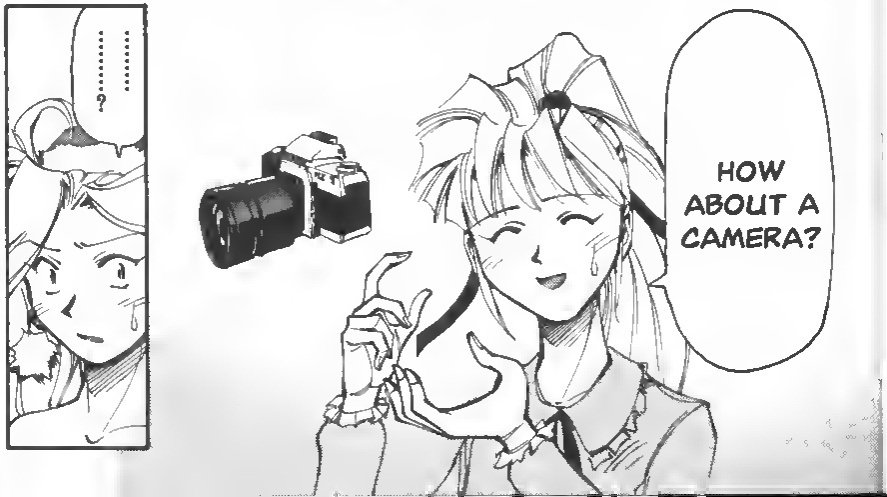
WHAT?
TA-DAH
GET ME A FEMALE ELF!
NO, WAIT!!
AH!
I WANT HER NAKED, TO SAVE ME THE EFFORT OF...
ALRIGHTY! THAT'S IT!
GORRRRR
WITH TWO MORE FRAGMENTS, WE CAN GO BACK TO JAPAN..
WHAT I NEED IS THE SPELL FRAGMENTS.
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!
THAT'S RIGHT! JAPAN!!
JAPAN?!
GASP!

HMPH.
HOW CAN I EXPLAIN... CAN YOU ASK FOR THINGS THAT ARE MORE COMMONLY AVAILABLE?

WE DON'T HANDLE FOOD, EITHER.
IT'S SOME KIND OF FOOD, RIGHT?
I GUESS SHE DOESN'T KNOW IT.


CURRY?
HOW ABOUT A LARGE BEEF CURRY?

LET ME SEE...
WHY IS THIS SO DIFFICULT?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HOW ABOUT A CAMERA?

RIGHT ON!
GIVE ME JAPAN!!
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SHOCK
DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU JUST SAID?

HOW ABOUT THE SPELL FRAGMENTS? THEY LOOK LIKE THESE.
WELL... THAT'S ALSO OUTSIDE OF MY DUTIES

WELL... I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING.
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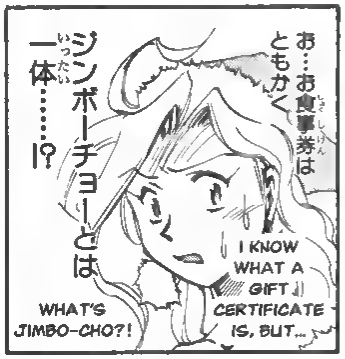
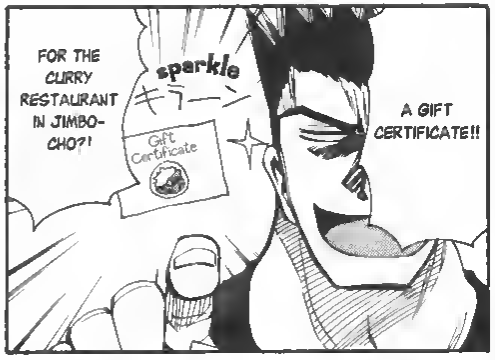
DON'T BOTHER. JAPAN ISN'T A "THING."
DAMN... SHE CAN'T.


お…お食事券はともかく
ジンボーチョーとは一体(いったい)……!?
WHAT'S JIMBO-CHO?!
I KNOW WHAT A GIFT CERTIFICATE IS, BUT...


FOR THE CURRY RESTAURANT IN JIMBO-CHO?!
sparkle
キラーン
Gift Certificate
A GIFT CERTIFICATE!!

BY ANY CHANCE, ARE YOU...

……
I'D LIKE WEDGE-WOOD TEA-CUPS AND SAUCERS.

I...I SUMMONED THEM, BUT THEY'RE NOT EVIL PEOPLE AT ALL!
YES. WE CAME FROM A COUNTRY CALLED JAPAN.

IS SOME-THING WRONG?
pat
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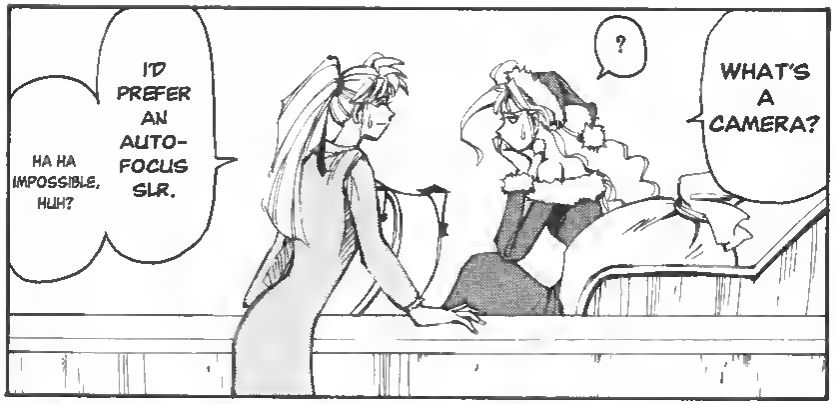
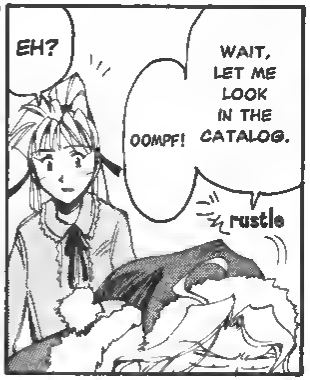
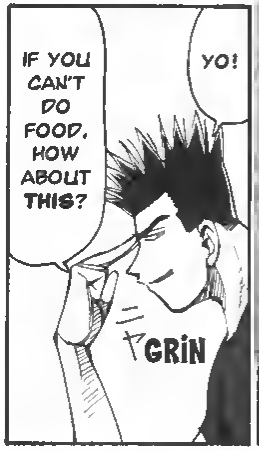
ALIENS FROM ANOTHER WORLD?

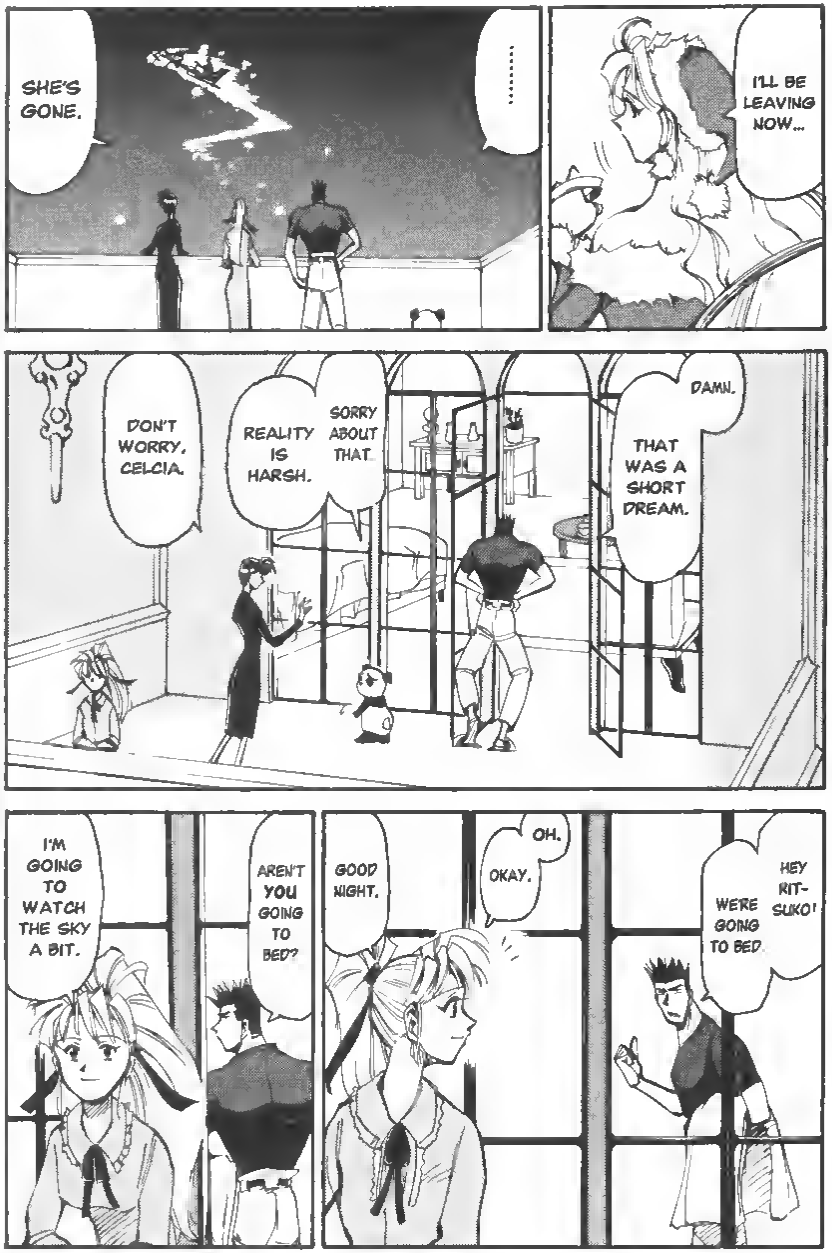

WHAT'S A CAMERA?
?
I'D PREFER AN AUTO-FOCUS SLR.
HA HA IMPOSSIBLE, HUH?

TA-DAH
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
COMPLETE CATALOG
LATEST EDITION

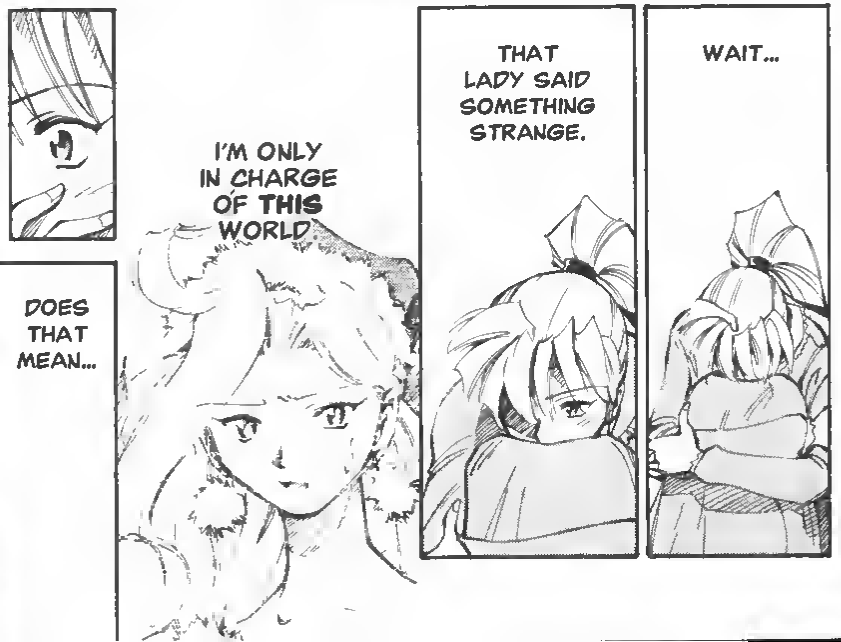

EH?
WAIT, LET ME LOOK IN THE CATALOG.
OOMPF!
rustle

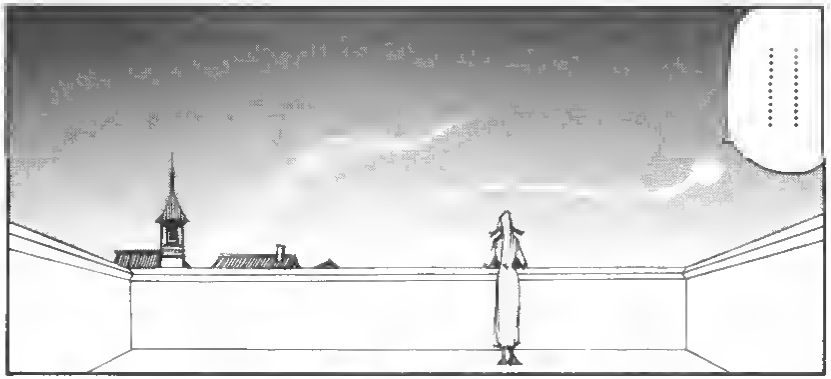

YO!
IF YOU CAN'T DO FOOD, HOW ABOUT THIS?
GRIN

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
flip flip flip
OH MY. IT'S CERTAINLY A "HOPEFUL" LOOKING CATALOG.
WOW! THERE MIGHT BE HOPE AFTER ALL!


I'M SORRY, BUT I'M ONLY IN CHARGE OF THIS WORLD.
I CAN'T GIVE YOU ALIENS ANY PRESENTS.
WHAT?
Y-YOU CAN'T GIVE ANYTHING?
NO WAY!!
I APOLOGIZE FOR GETTING YOUR HOPES UP.
NOW YOU SOUND MORE LIKE A PIZZA DELIVERY GUY.
IT'S ALRIGHT, JUNPEI. WE AREN'T KIDS, EITHER.
I GUESS.
I'LL BE LEAVING NOW...
.....
SHE'S GONE.
HEY RIT-SUKO! WE'RE GOING TO BED.
OH. OKAY.
GOOD NIGHT.
AREN'T YOU GOING TO BED?
I'M GOING TO WATCH THE SKY A BIT.
DAMN. THAT WAS A SHORT DREAM.
SORRY ABOUT THAT. REALITY IS HARSH.
DON'T WORRY, CELCIA.

……
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ


DOES THAT MEAN...
I'M ONLY IN CHARGE OF THIS WORLD
THAT LADY SAID SOMETHING STRANGE.
WAIT...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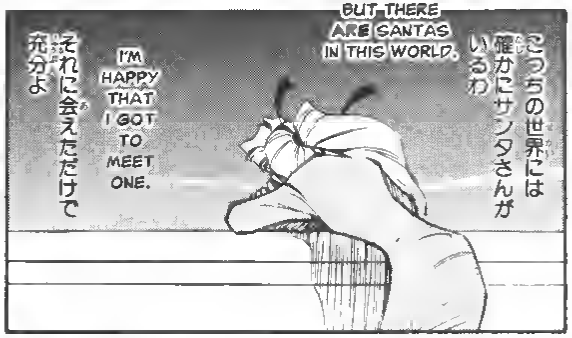

こっちの世界には
確かにサンタさんが
いるわ
BUT THERE ARE SANTAS IN THIS WORLD.
I'M HAPPY THAT I GOT TO MEET ONE.
それに会えただけで
充分よ

IT WASN'T WHAT I IMAGINED...
なんだか
イメージが
崩れちゃったけど

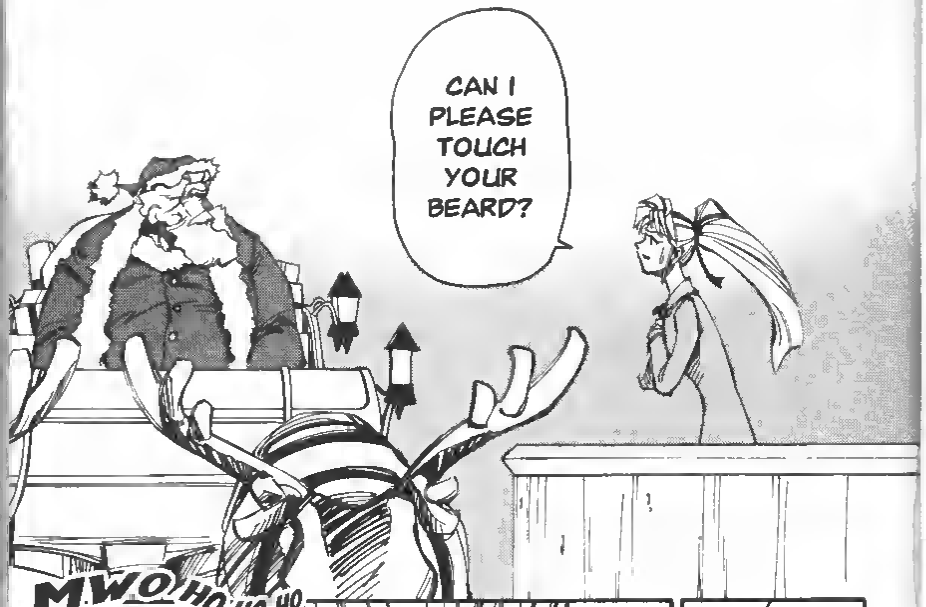
THERE'S A SANTA IN CHARGE OF JAPAN?!

HO HO HO!
JUST LIKE THEY TOLD ME.
SHE IS JAPANESE.
WELL, WELL.

BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
ドキ
ドキ
UH...

.....
ゴクン
GULP

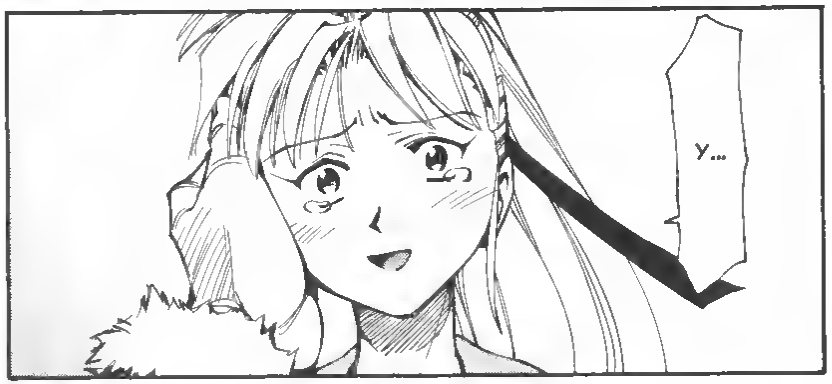
UH...
WELL--
ふ た
OH DEAR
あ た
OH MY
UMM... !!


CAN I PLEASE TOUCH YOUR BEARD?

MWO HO HO HO
フォーッホッホッ
ho ho ho
MWO HO HO HO!!
HO HO HO!!
MY BEARD?
OH, EXCUSE ME
MWO.. ahem
HMPF

ニコ
SMILE

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU SAID FOURTEEN YEARS AGO, ISN'T IT?

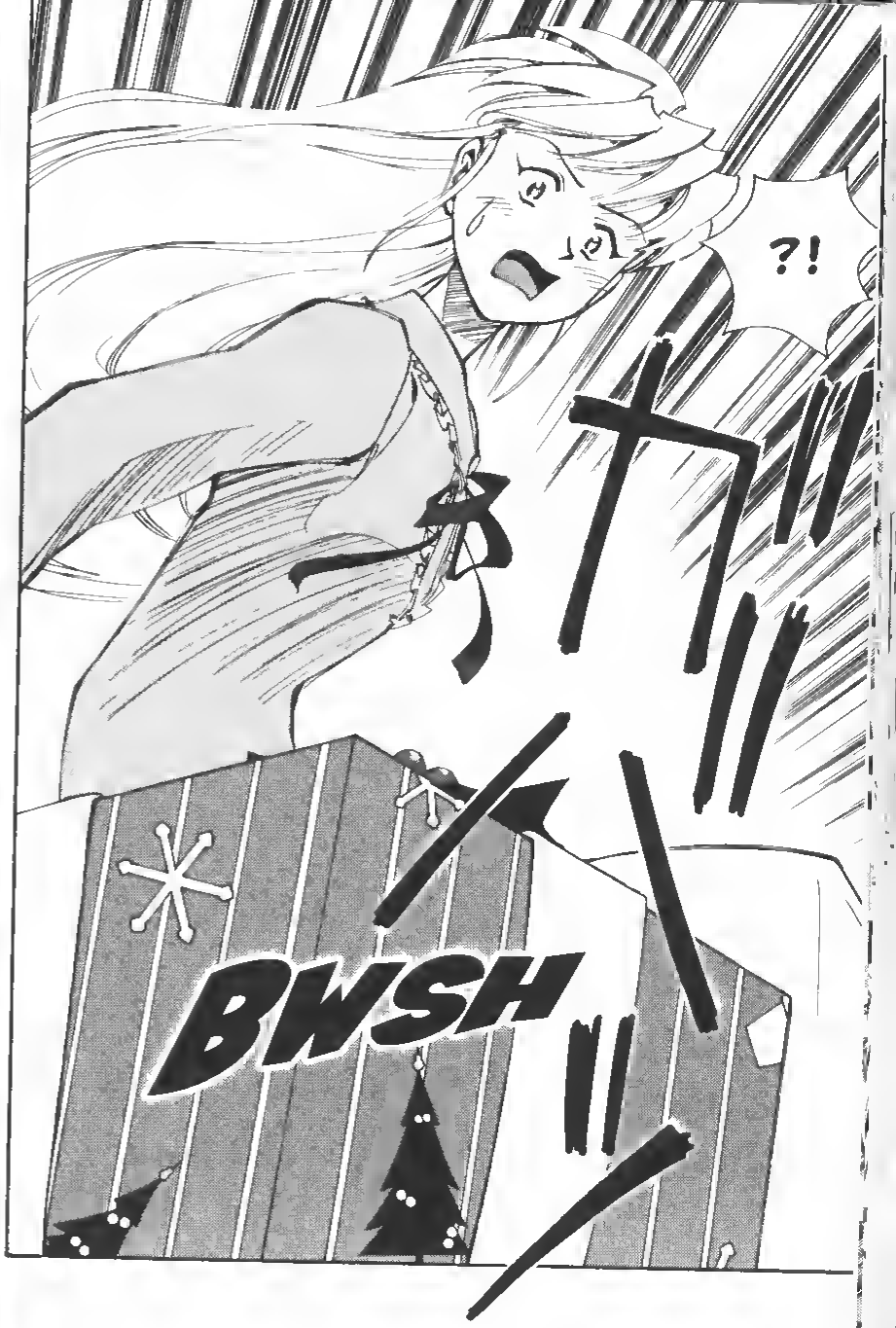

Y...

LAKE
AKOM
RICH
EFUL

YES!
ボロボロ
drip
drip

FWUP
HUH?
.....
zzz

IT WAS JUST A DREAM.
I SEE.
.....
OH WELL.
chuckle
I SHOULD BE THANKFUL, NOT DISAPPOINTED.
IT WAS A NICE DREAM.
FWOP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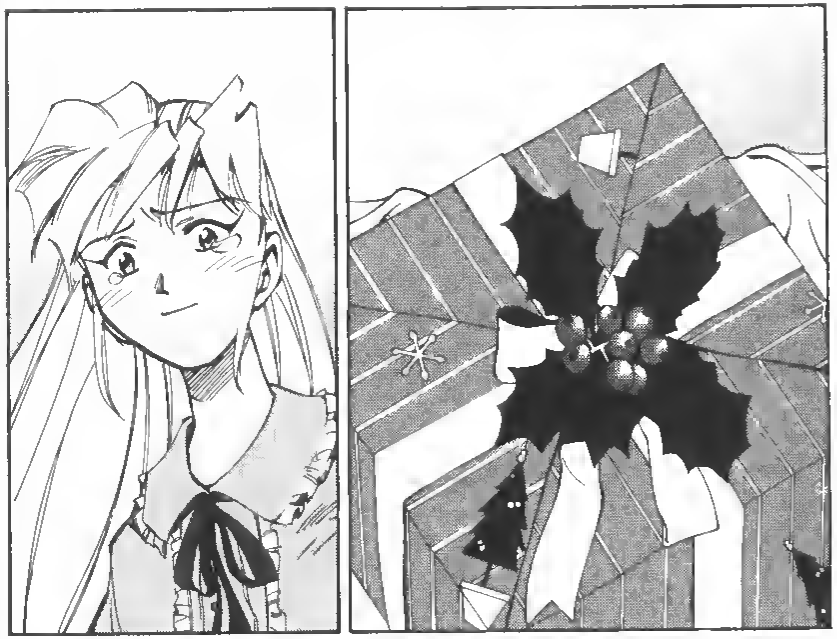
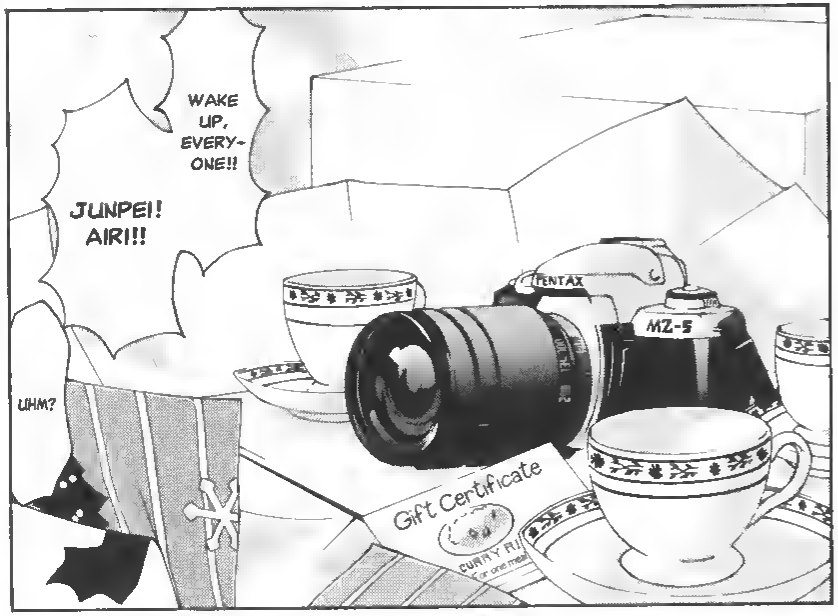
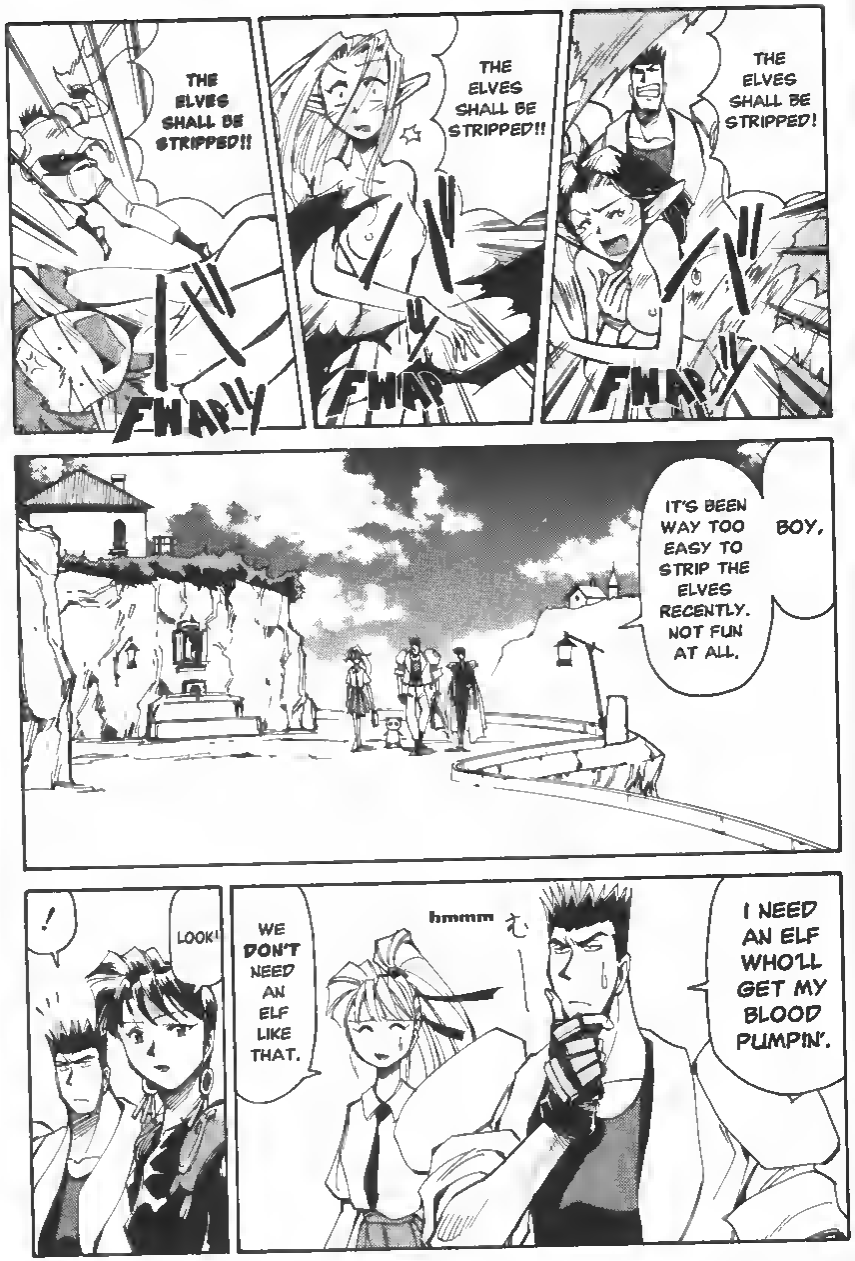
BWSH

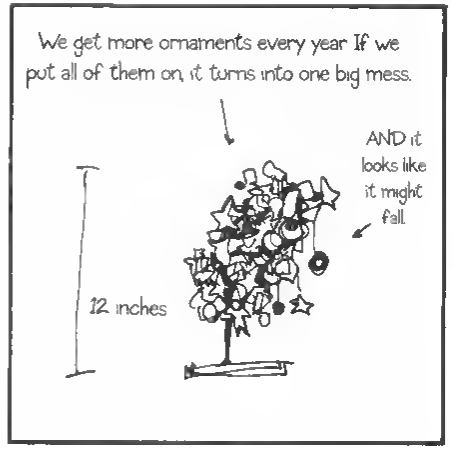



WAKE UP, EVERY-ONE!!
JUNPEI! AIRI!!
UHM?
PENTAX
MZ-5
Gift Certificate


THE ELVES SHALL BE STRIPPED!!
FWAP!!
THE ELVES SHALL BE STRIPPED!!
FWAP
THE ELVES SHALL BE STRIPPED!
FWAP
IT'S BEEN WAY TOO EASY TO STRIP THE ELVES RECENTLY. NOT FUN AT ALL.
BOY,
!
LOOK!
WE DON'T NEED AN ELF LIKE THAT.
hmmm
I NEED AN ELF WHO'LL GET MY BLOOD PUMPIN'.

making of #26

Our family Christmas tree is estimated to be about 30 years old



THD THD THD THD
THE NOTORIOUS "THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES"?!
ARE THOSE -
SILENCE!
STOP, PLEASE!
I...
sweat
BWOOSH!
FLASH
?!
FWAP

OH!
I SEE AN ELF OVER THERE!!
RESIST FIRE
JUMP E!!
THE ELVES SHALL BE STRIPPED!!
DASH
WHAT'S THAT?
HMM.
I DON'T CARE IF HER SUIT'S FIRE-PROOF OR TEFLON!
A FIRE-PROOF SUIT?
WHY IS SHE WEARING A FIREPROOF SUIT?
?

#27 ラブコメ撲滅大作戦
#27 Operation: Eradicate Romantic Comedies!
ゴゴゴゴ
VOOORRR
A FLAMETHROWER!!
HER CHEST IS...

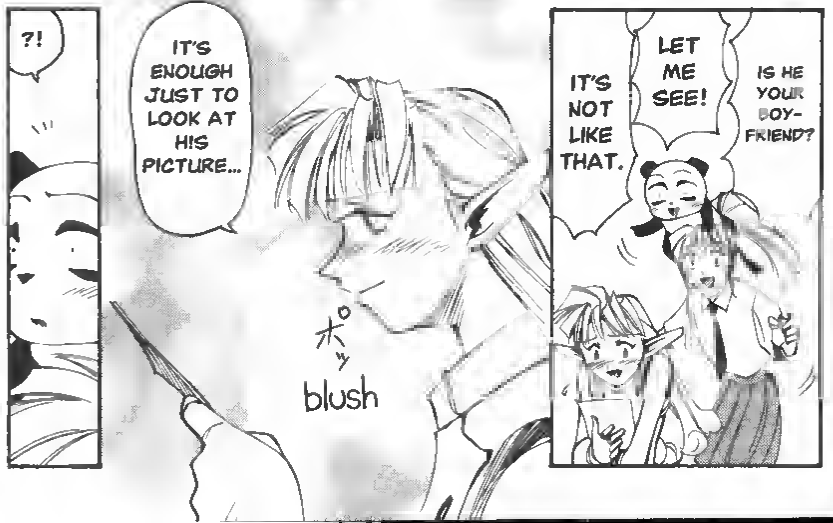
WHAT THE...?!
OH NO!!

HMM.
OH!
WE ARE...
YOU'RE THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES, RIGHT?
SOME-ONE TOLD ME...
PLEASE, PLEASE GET RID OF THIS FLAME ON MY CHEST!!
THAT YOU COULD DO THAT.
OF COURSE.
ふん
Hmph
WELL...
.....

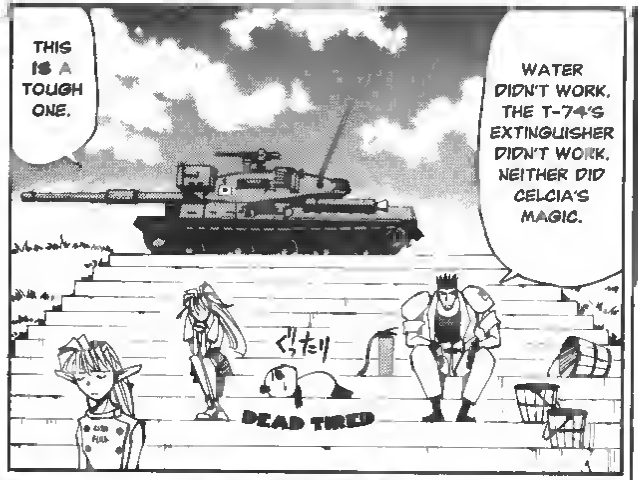
RESIST FIRE
FNOP
MY FIREPROOF SUIT!!
ouch aee eech ooh
roll roll
GRAAARGH!
OWWWWW!
FNOOP
Jump!
TOO MUCH HEAT...
fshooo
AMAZING!!
PHEW...
I SEE.
YOUR FIRE-PROOF SUIT IS LIKE A "LID."
IT'S JUST, MY CHEST SPEWS OUT FLAMES.
I'M SORRY. I MEANT NO HARM.
AS YOU CAN TELL, I'M AN ELF WHO'S TOO DANGEROUS TO STRIP.
MY NAME IS FINA.

AH!!
WOW, HE'S SO HAND-SOME!
WHO'S HE?

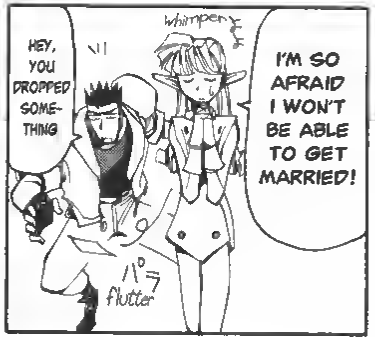
YANK
HE... HE'S...


?!
IT'S ENOUGH JUST TO LOOK AT HIS PICTURE...
blush
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
LET ME SEE!
IS HE YOUR BOY-FRIEND?

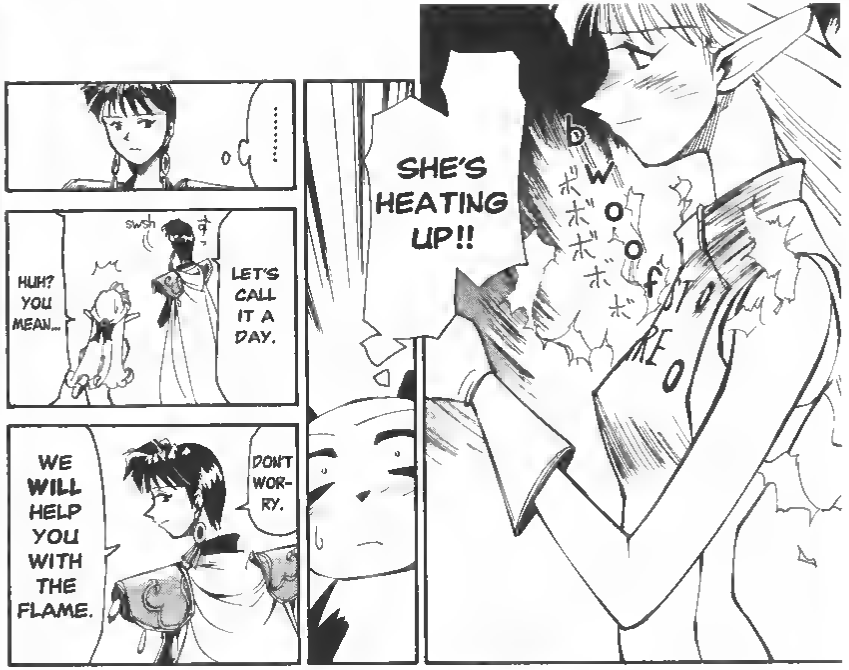
CRAKK CRAKK
WE'VE GOTTA EXTINGUISH THE FLAME TO CHECK HER BODY!!


THIS IS A TOUGH ONE.
WATER DIDN'T WORK. THE T-74'S EXTINGUISHER DIDN'T WORK. NEITHER DID CELCIA'S MAGIC.
DEAD TIRED

EASIER SAID THAN DONE, THOUGH.

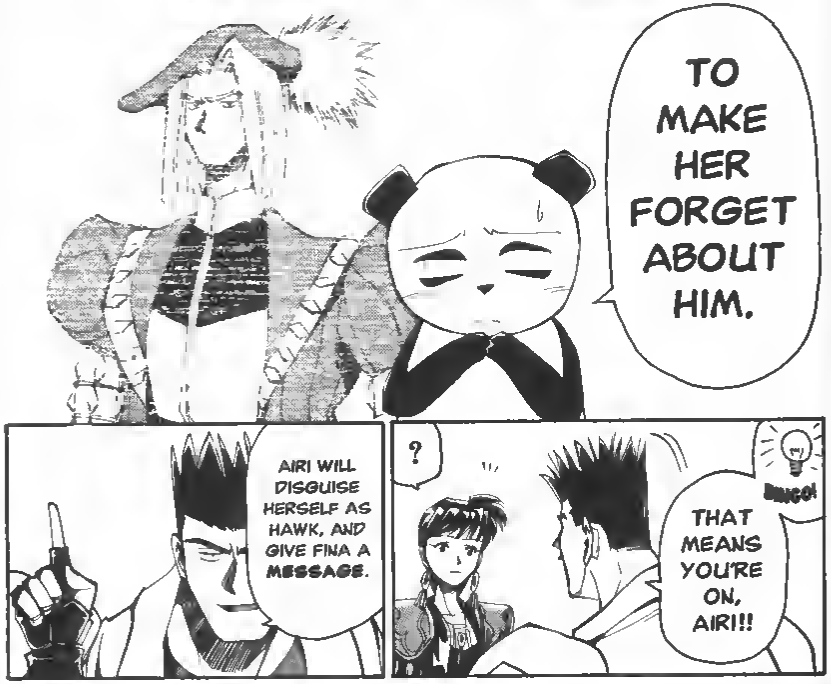

HEY, YOU DROPPED SOME-THING
whimper
I'M SO AFRAID I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET MARRIED!
flutter

I HAVE NO IDEA.
WHAT'S CAUSING THE FLAME?


SHE'S HEATING UP!!
WOOO
ボボボボボボ
HUH? YOU MEAN...
swish
LET'S CALL IT A DAY.
WE WILL HELP YOU WITH THE FLAME.
DON'T WORRY.

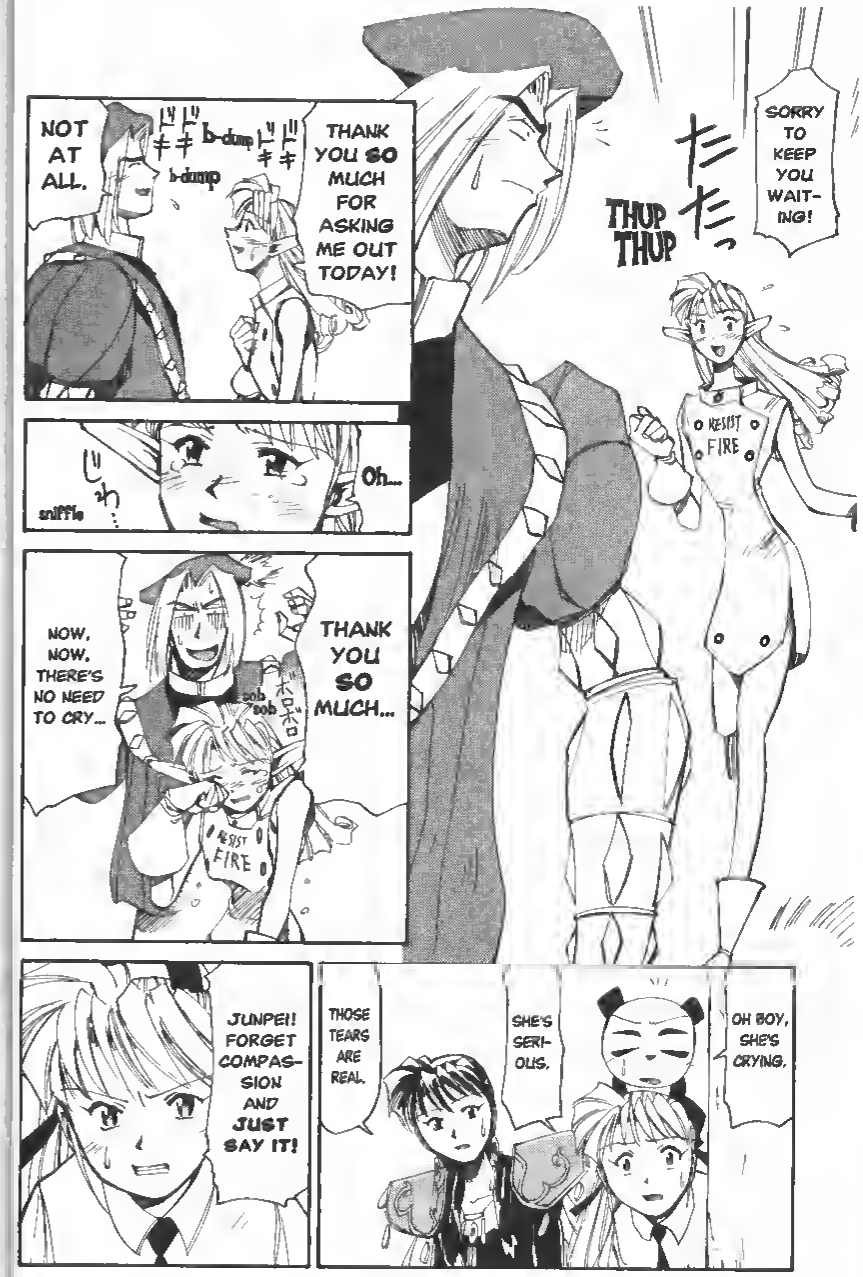
I'M SURE OF IT.
SHE DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT...
A FLAME OF LOVE?!
Restaurant

THE GUY'S NAME IS HAWK DALLAS, 22 YEARS OLD.
HE'S A COMMANDER OF THE IMPERIAL GUARDS.
THE ONLY WAY TO EXTINGUISH HER FLAME OF PASSION IS...
HER PASSION FOR HIM IS MANIFESTING ITSELF AS FLAME.
I SEE...
LIKE IN THE SAYING, "BURNING PASSION."


TO MAKE HER FORGET ABOUT HIM.
AIRI WILL DISGUISE HERSELF AS HAWK, AND GIVE FINA A MESSAGE.
?
DING!
THAT MEANS YOU'RE ON, AIRI!!

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN A "FLAME-THROWER" WOMAN.
SHOO! SHOO!
SHOCK
HMM. THIS IS A JOB FOR YOU, JUNPEI.
I FEEL SORRY FOR HER, THOUGH.
WELL, SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
LET'S CALL IT "OPERATION: ERADICATE ROMANTIC COMEDIES"!
THAT WILL QUENCH HER FLAME OF PASSION!
TA-DAH
HUH?

I WILL PERFORM MY ROLE BRILLIANTLY!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
LEAVE IT TO ME, AIRI!
WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. HE'S THE ONLY ONE BIG ENOUGH.
DO YOU THINK THAT IDIOT CAN HANDLE IT?
I'VE GOTTA PRACTICE! I'M NOT INTERESTED IN A "FLAME-THROWER" WOMAN.
BUT,
I AGREE.
AT ANY RATE, SHE'S GOING TO HATE HIM WITHIN THREE MINUTES.
I SEE.
FORTUNATELY, SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH ONLY HIS APPEARANCE. AND DOESN'T KNOW HIS PERSONALITY.
HERE SHE COMES!



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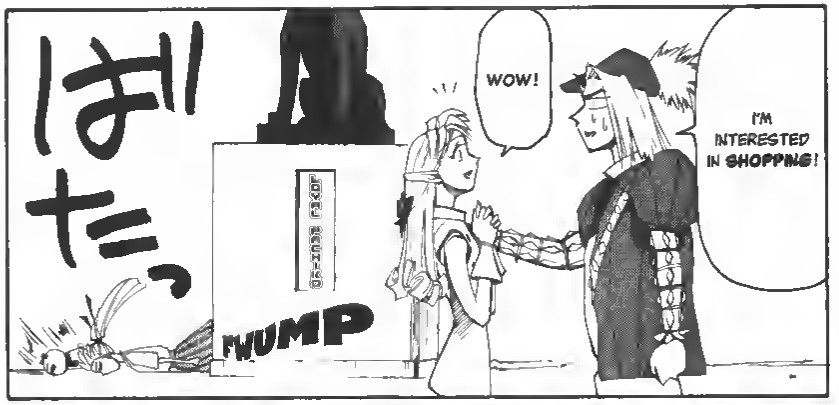
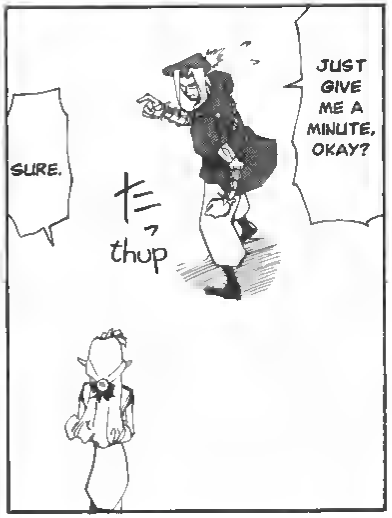
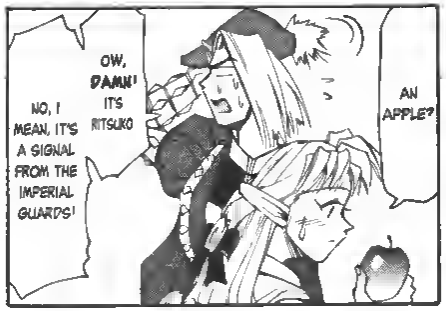

WOW!
I'M INTERESTED IN SHOPPING!
WUMP

WHAT AN IDIOT!
WHAT IS HE SAYING?
HA HA HA!
THAT'S GREAT!
ME TOO! I LOVE SHOPPING!

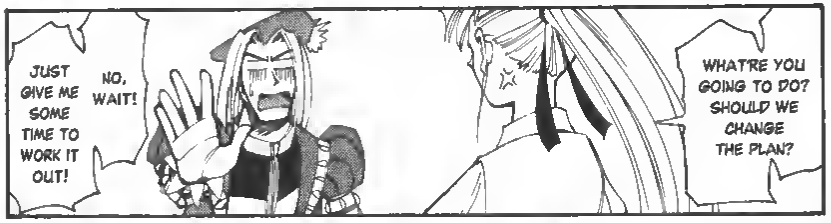

SURE.
thup
JUST GIVE ME A MINUTE, OKAY?

HUH?
OW!
konk

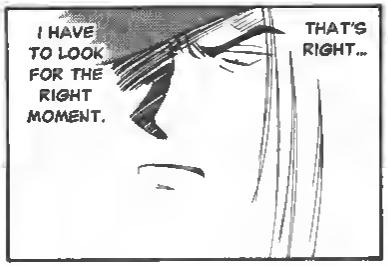

NO, I MEAN, IT'S A SIGNAL FROM THE IMPERIAL GUARDS!
OW, DAMN! IT'S RITSUKO
AN APPLE?

JUST AS I THOUGHT. JUNPEI CAN'T PLAY A VILLAIN...
heh

S-SORRY...
grab
YEAH! DON'T LET HER CRYING RATTLE YOU!
DON'T BE A WIMP!

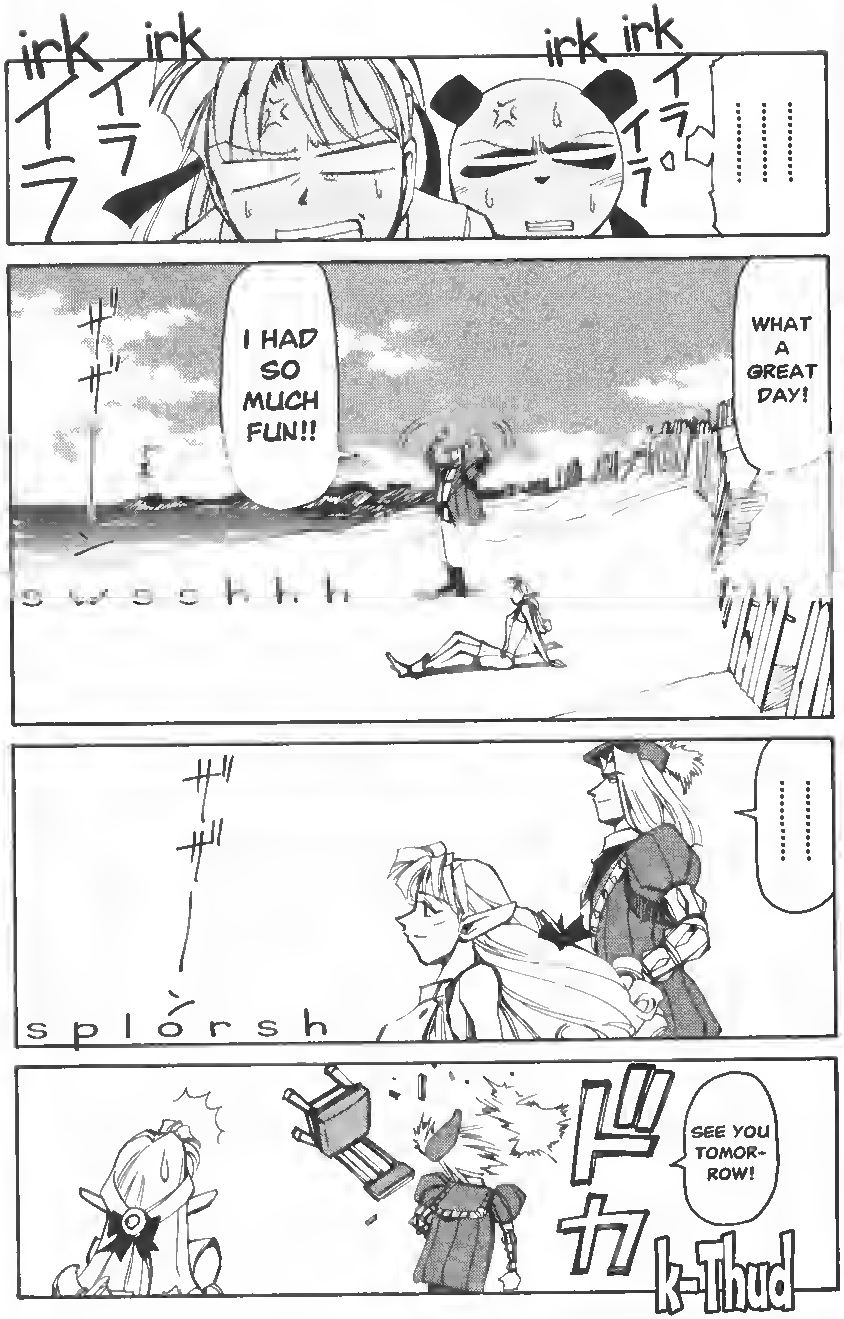

JUST GIVE ME SOME TIME TO WORK IT OUT!
NO, WAIT!
WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO? SHOULD WE CHANGE THE PLAN?

NO, NOT AT ALL!
YO FINA, SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
swhip


I HAVE TO LOOK FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT.
THAT'S RIGHT...

LET ME HAVE ONE MORE CHANCE!!
I WILL DELIVER THE LINE!

sneer
I'VE GOTTA HOLD BACK AND WAIT FOR JUST THE RIGHT MOMENT!


irk irk
irk irk
I HAD SO MUCH FUN!!
WHAT A GREAT DAY!
swoohhh
splorsh
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW!
k-Thud

AND THEN WE WILL GO BACK TO JAPAN!
WE'LL STRIP THE ELVES.
YES.
FINA!
WELL, I'M
I...
O, OKAY.
RESIST FIRE
PLEASE LISTEN. IT'S IMPOR-TANT.

S... SURE.
mo... totter
GIVE ME A MINUTE.
OW! SORRY FINA.
I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN OUR MISSION.
NEXT IS THE STONE STATUE! GOT IT?
SHE LOOKS SO HAPPY, AND...
swsshhh
IT'S JUST.
YOU'RE RIGHT
YEAH...
!!
WHAT IF WE CAN'T GET BACK?!
WHAT ABOUT JAPAN?!

ACTUALLY, I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU, TOO.
WHAT?
I REALLY --
IT... IT'S GETTING HARDER FOR ME TO SPEAK.
SHE MIGHT TRY ASKING HIM TO MARRY HER...
UH-OH! TROUBLE!
DON'T DESERVE TO BE DATING ANYONE.

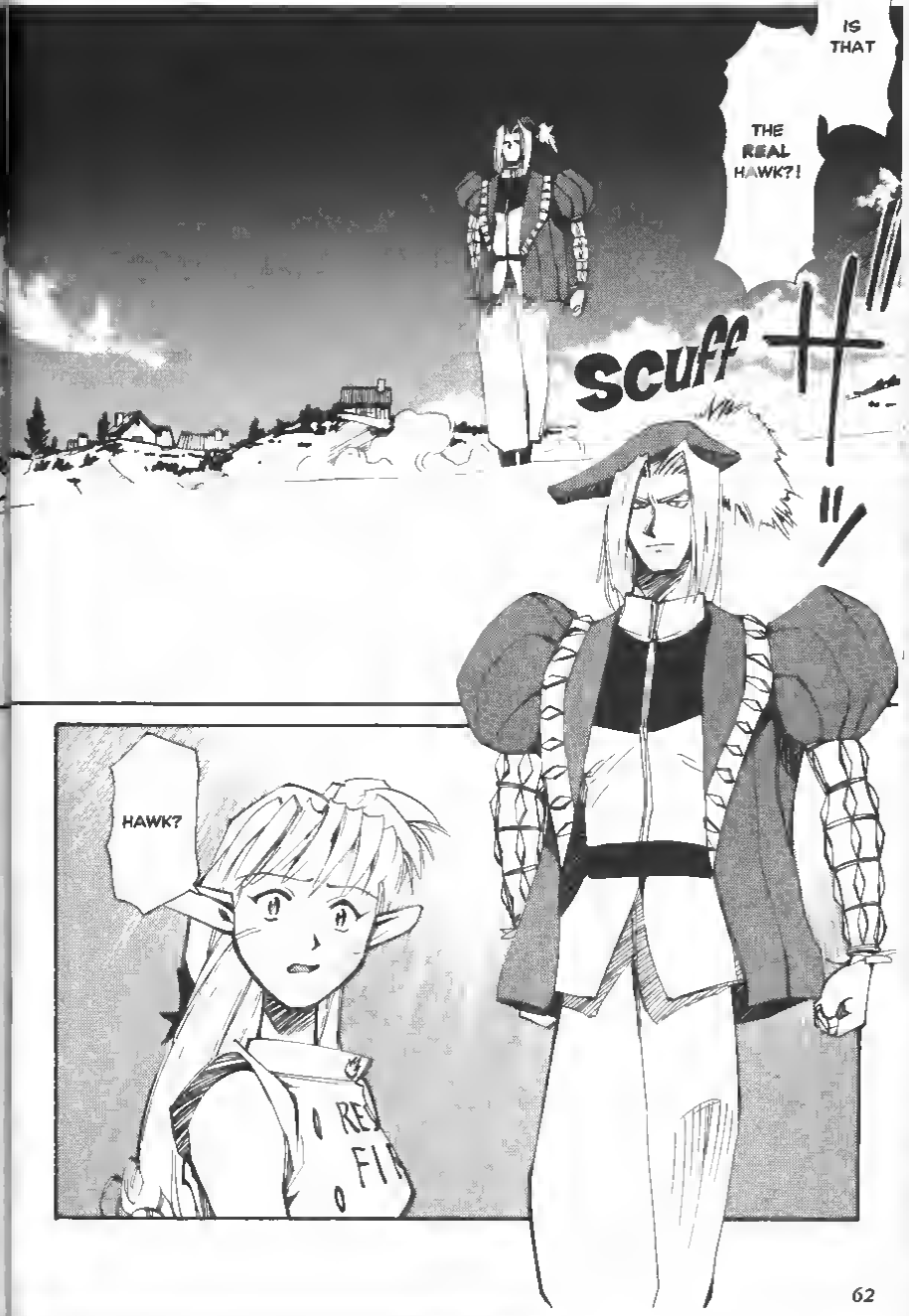
THUNK
EXTRA HOT!
NO, NO! I MEAN...
gOnk
CURRY!
.....
MAN, RITSUKO'S SCARY.
ONE MORE MISTAKE, AND THE TANK FIRES...
HAWK...
RESIST FIRE
FINA! I WANT TO TELL YOU...

.....
FINA.
!!
IS IT BECAUSE YOUR CHEST SPEWS FIRE?
RESIST FIRE
DON-T...
JUST BECAUSE YOU SPEW OUT FIRE,
DON'T BE STUPID!
BWSH
HOW DO YOU KNOW?

?!
!!
I CAN'T SEE YOU ANY MORE.
BUT...
BUT...
I LOVE YOU, HAWK!
THANKS TO YOU, I REGAINED MY CONFIDENCE ABOUT MY OWN FEELINGS.
GOOD-BYE.
scuff

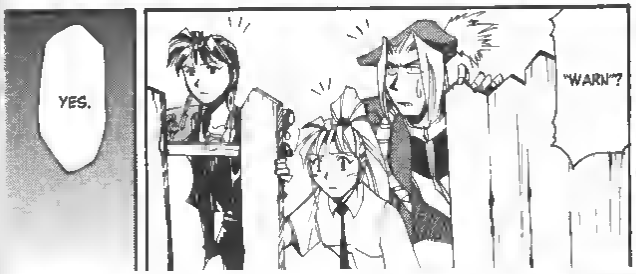
JUNPEI!
わな
わな
tremble
tremble
clench
THAT'S WHAT I HAVE TO DO TO GET BACK TO JAPAN, RIGHT?
HUH?
LOOK!
!!

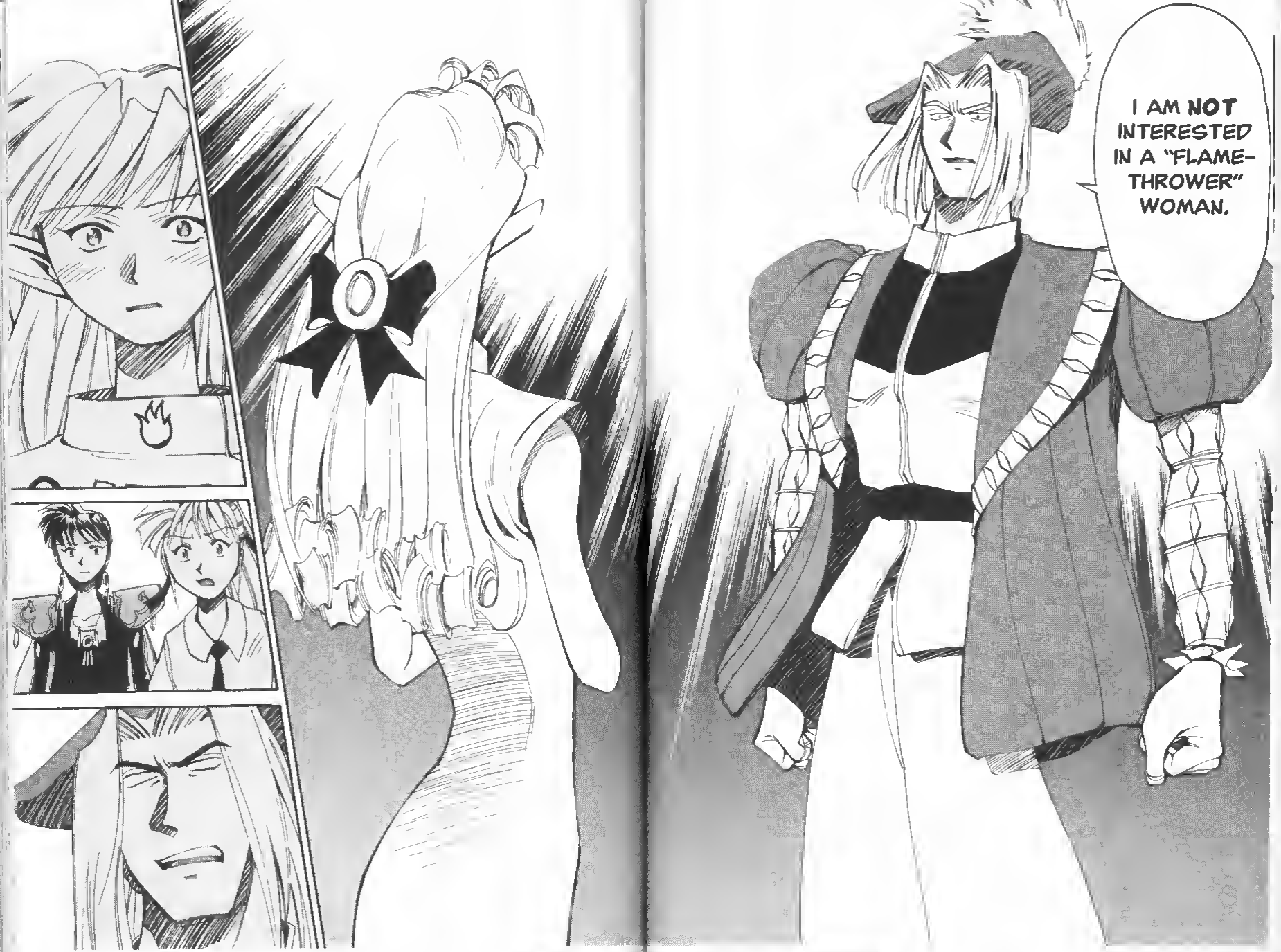
I am NOT interested in a "flamethrower" woman.
DON'T LET THAT BOTHER YOU.
I am NOT interested in a "flamethrower" woman.
DAMN!
WAIT RIGHT THERE!
S-SURE.
どべ どべ どべ
THD THD THD
URGH...
rub
TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE, I HAVE TO DUMP HER, RIGHT?
Sharp
RITSUKO, CELCIA. LET ME CONFIRM THE STRATEGY.

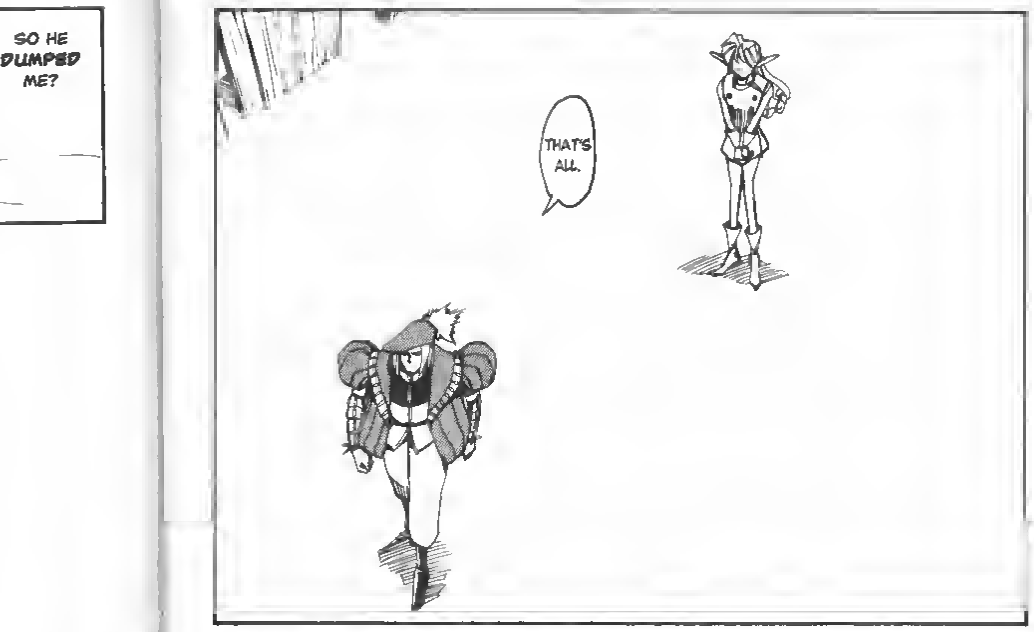

IS THAT
THE REAL HAWK?!
scuff
HAWK?

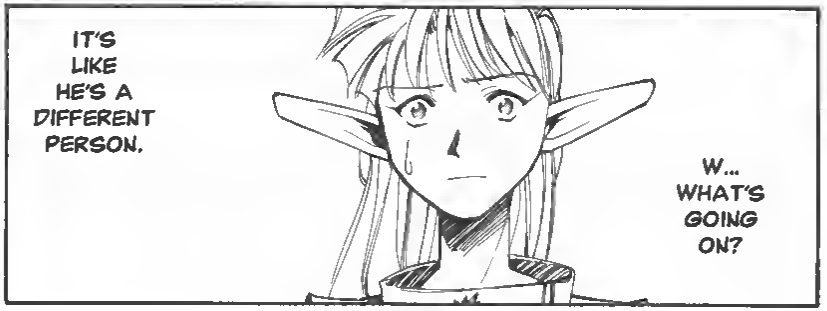
I HEARD THAT YOU'VE BEEN PURSUING ME.
SO I'M HERE TO WARN YOU.
RESIST FIRE

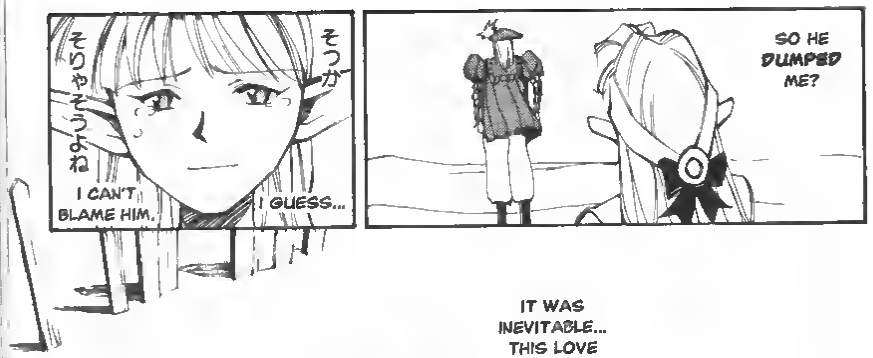
YOU MUST BE FINA.
I FINALLY FOUND YOU.


YES.
"WARN"?

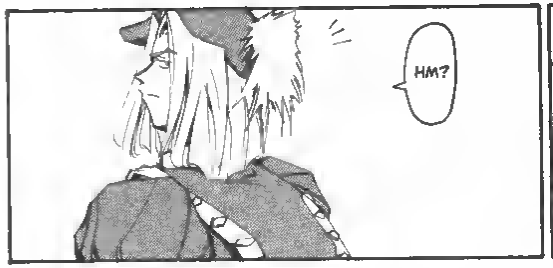

I AM NOT INTERESTED IN A "FLAME-THROWER" WOMAN.

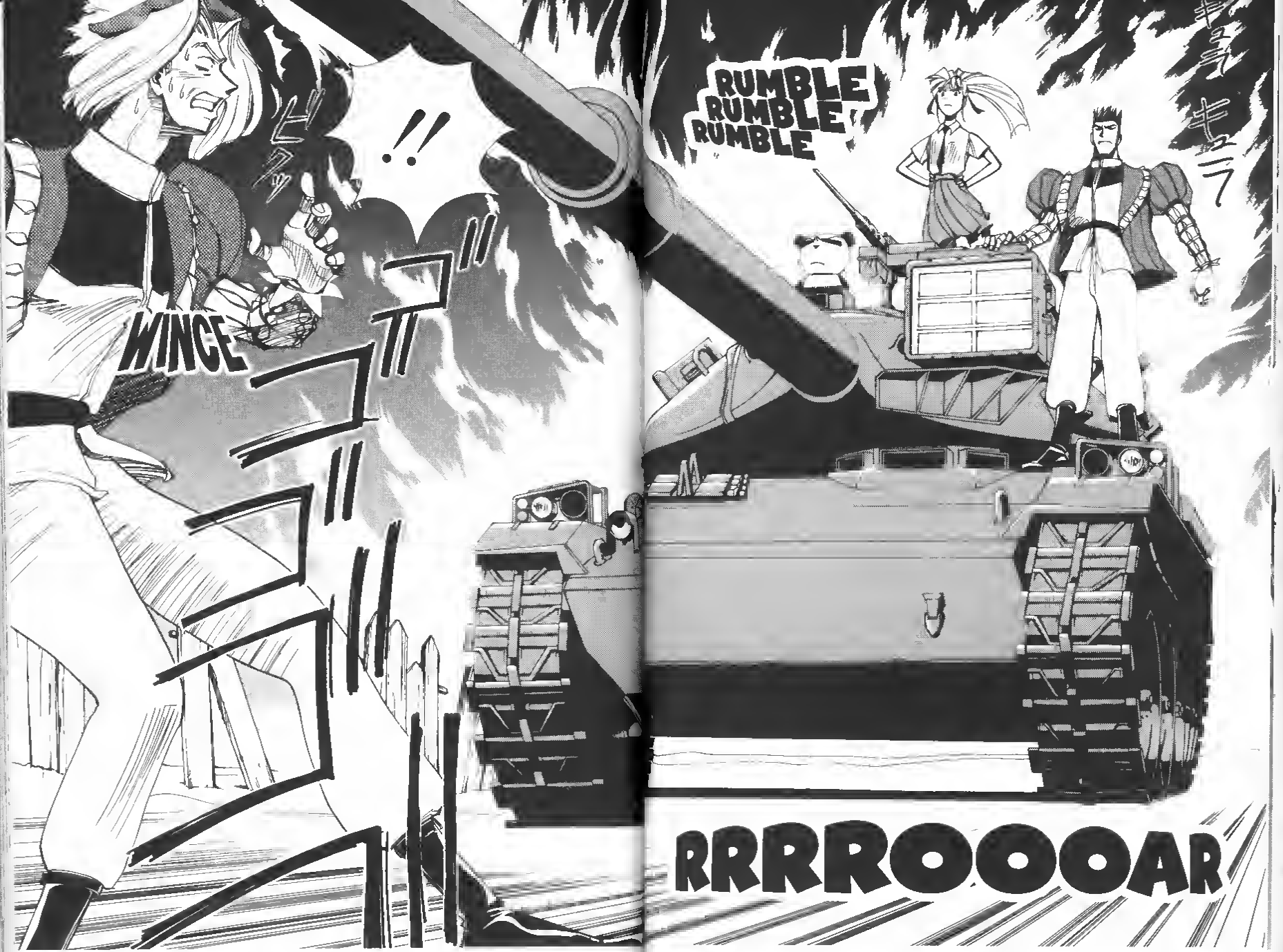






IT WAS INEVITABLE... THIS LOVE HAD TO END.



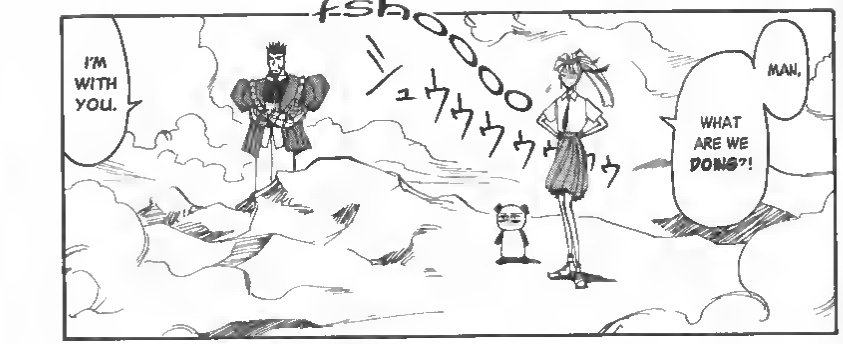

WINCE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RRROOOAR

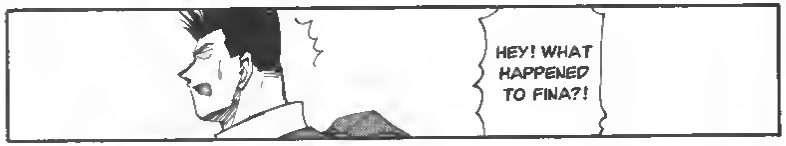
THAT'S...

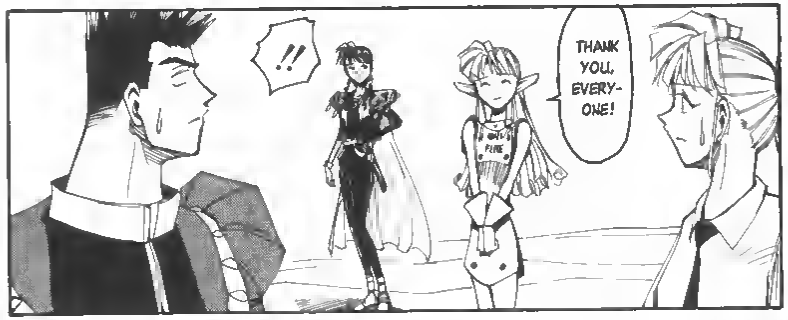
MINE, TOO.
MINE, TOO.
K-CHK
THIS IS MY THANKS TO YOU.
THANKS FOR DELIVERING THAT DIFFICULT LINE!
CRAKK CRAKK

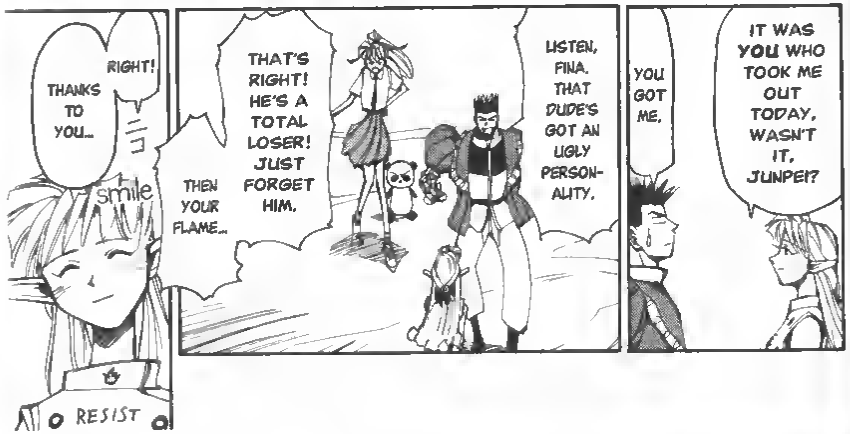
?!
?!
WHAT THE...?

WAIT...
GRAAAURGH!!
SUMMON METEOR!
BM BM BM BM
SALVO FIRE!!
IRON FIST BLOW!!
ONK
SGRO
GA-BOOM


fshoooo
シュウウウウウウウウ
I'M WITH YOU.
MAN, WHAT ARE WE DOING?!

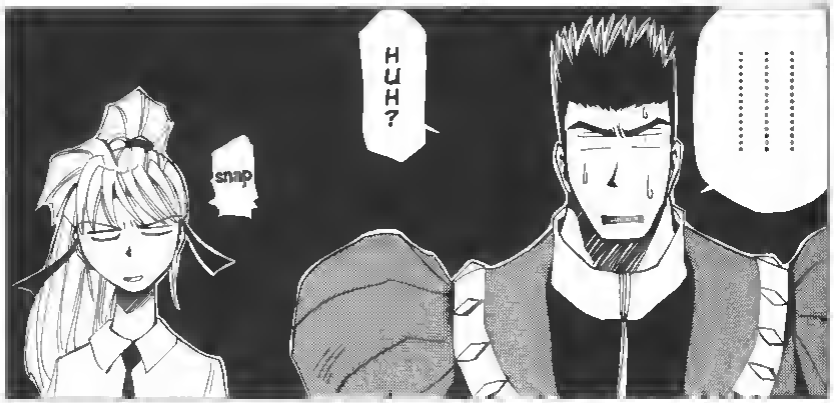

HEY! WHAT HAPPENED TO FINA?!


!!
THANK YOU, EVERY-ONE!


RIGHT!
THANKS TO YOU...
smile
RESIST
THAT'S RIGHT! HE'S A TOTAL LOSER! JUST FORGET HIM.
THEN YOUR FLAME...
LISTEN, FINA. THAT DUDE'S GOT AN UGLY PERSON-ALITY.
YOU GOT ME.
IT WAS YOU WHO TOOK ME OUT TODAY, WASN'T IT, JUNPEI?

RESIST

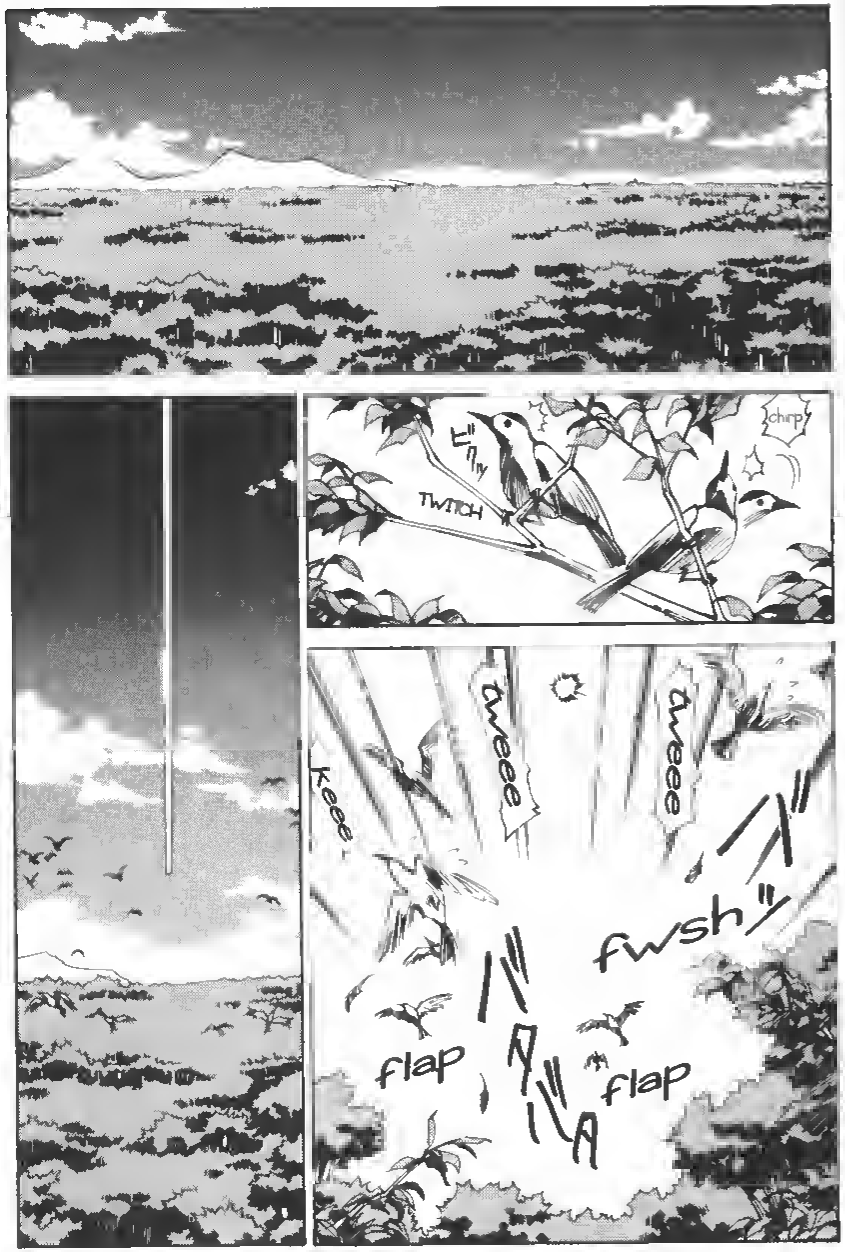
GYAARGH!
BA-BOOM


.....
HUH?
snap

FINA, LISTEN TO ME.

WELL, I'M...
CURRY WITH PORK CUTLET!
LET ME EXECUTE "OPERATION: ERADICATE ROMANTIC COMEDIES" PHASE 2!
yes.
RITSUKO, CALM DOWN!
I'VE GOT A FEVER.

I NOW KNOW WHAT TRUE LOVE IS!!
ゴオオオオ
wwoerrrr

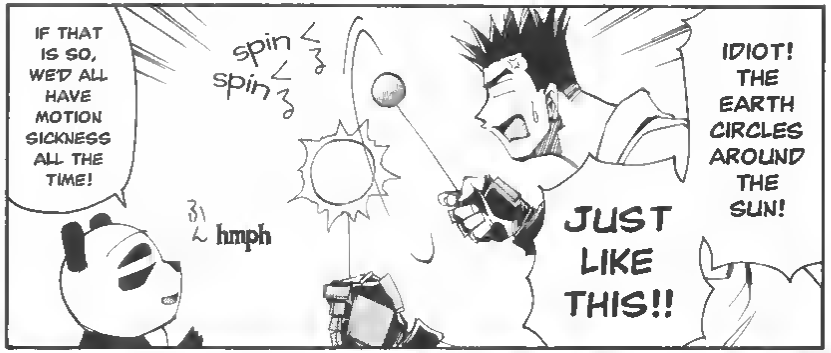


making of #27

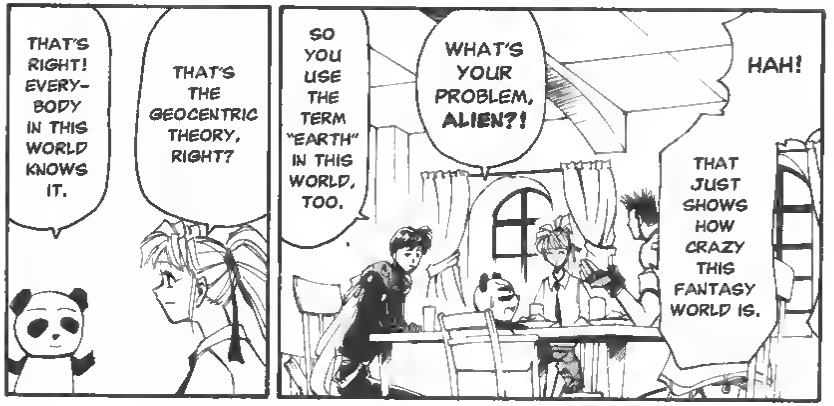
During the rehearsal

I SHALL DEAL A CELESTIAL BLOW
TO ANY FOOL WHO OBJECTS TO THIS THEORY.
BOOM
VWOOnnn
THE SUN CIRCLES AROUND THE EARTH!
THIS PROVES THAT THE GEOCENTRIC THEORY IS CORRECT!
HEH HEH... AMAZING, IF I SAY SO MYSELF.
MY METEORITE SUMMONING SPELL IS ACCURATE TO WITHIN ONE TENTH OF AN INCH!

#28 Geocentric vs. Heliocentric

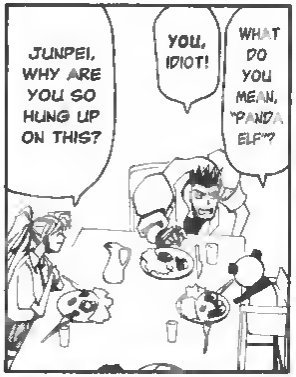

SAY THAT AGAIN!
I SAID...

THE SUN CIRCLES AROUND THE EARTH!

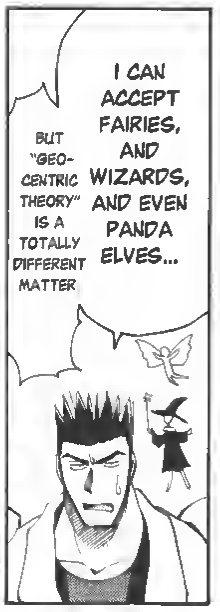

THAT'S RIGHT! EVERYBODY IN THIS WORLD KNOWS IT.
THAT'S THE GEOCENTRIC THEORY, RIGHT?
SO YOU USE THE TERM "EARTH" IN THIS WORLD, TOO.
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, ALIEN?!
HAH!
THAT JUST SHOWS HOW CRAZY THIS FANTASY WORLD IS.

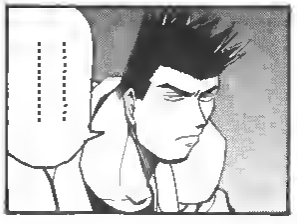
IF THAT IS SO, WE'D ALL HAVE MOTION SICKNESS ALL THE TIME!
spin
spin
hmph
IDIOT! THE EARTH CIRCLES AROUND THE SUN!
JUST LIKE THIS!!

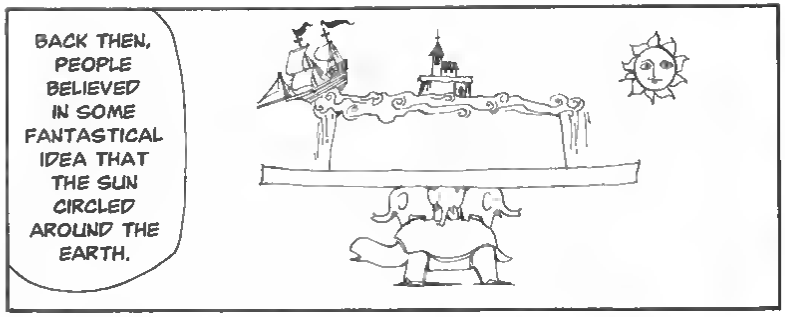
AFTER ALL, THERE ARE FAIRIES AND THINGS HERE.
IT'S HARD TO COMMENT ON THIS WORLD.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, AIRI?


JUNPEI, WHY ARE YOU SO HUNG UP ON THIS?
YOU, IDIOT!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "PANDA ELF"?

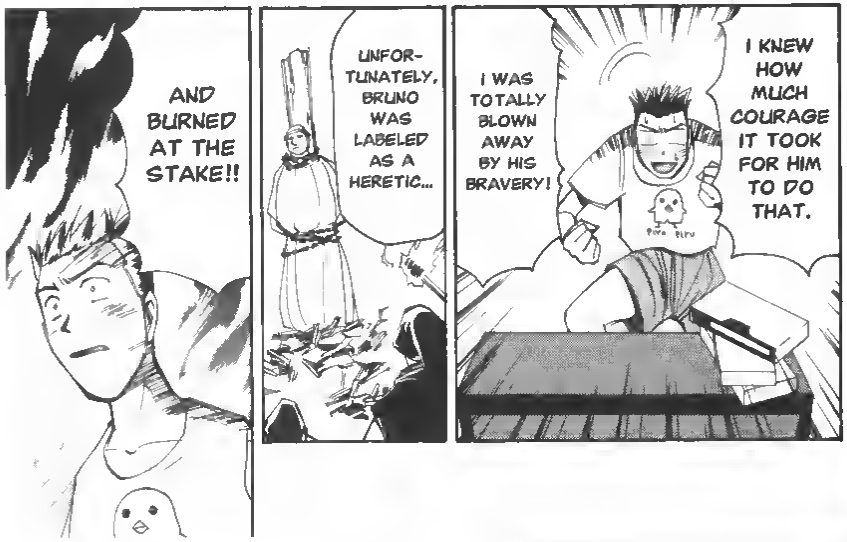
FLASH
I'M A STAUNCH HELIOCENTRIST!


I CAN ACCEPT FAIRIES, AND WIZARDS, AND EVEN PANDA ELVES...
BUT "GEOCENTRIC THEORY" IS A TOTALLY DIFFERENT MATTER




BACK THEN, PEOPLE BELIEVED IN SOME FANTASTICAL IDEA THAT THE SUN CIRCLED AROUND THE EARTH.

HE TOLD THE WORLD, "THE EARTH ROTATES AROUND THE SUN!"
BUT BRUNO BRAVELY DEFIED POPULAR OPINION, AND SPREAD HIS HELIOCENTRIC THEORY.


AND BURNED AT THE STAKE!!
UNFORTUNATELY, BRUNO WAS LABELED AS A HERETIC...
I WAS TOTALLY BLOWN AWAY BY HIS BRAVERY!
I KNEW HOW MUCH COURAGE IT TOOK FOR HIM TO DO THAT.

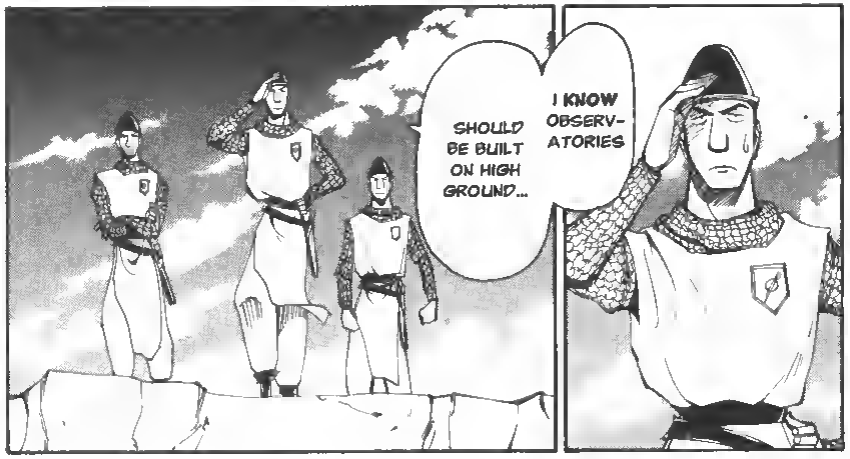
YEAH. IT WAS THE DAY AFTER MY TENTH BIRTHDAY.
YOU CRIED?
HUH?
ONLY ONE TIME I CRIED WATCHING A TV PROGRAM.
THERE WAS...

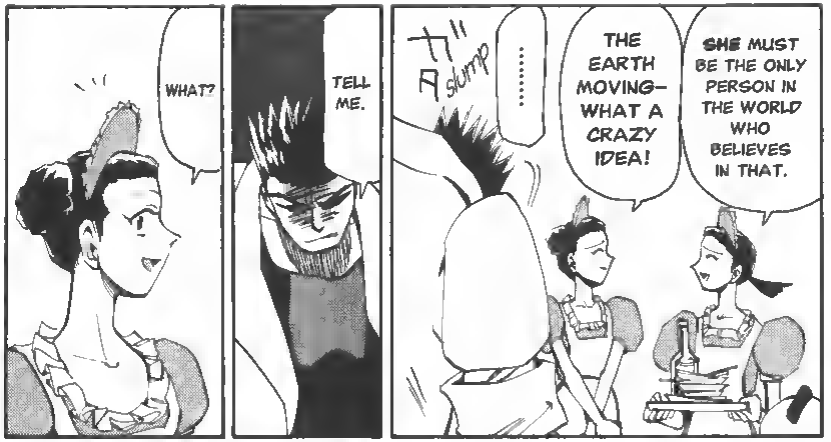
I WAS BORED, SO I STARTED TO WATCH SOME EUROPEAN HISTORY PROGRAM.
IT WAS RAINING THAT DAY...

THE HERO OF THE STORY WAS A MONK. HIS NAME WAS BRUNO.

I WON'T ALLOW AN OBSESSION WITH SUCH FANTASIES!!
I CAN'T AL-LOW IT!
SMASH
crackle snap
JUNPEI...
hmm
whisper whisper
THEN I WENT TO IKEBUKURO TO PREACH BRUNO'S THEORY TO PASSERSBY.

?!
SLAM
THD THD
THD THD
THEY'RE STARTING A WAR!!
IT'S A WAR!
B,
BRUNO?!
IS FAMOUS HERE.
SURE. DR. BRUNO FROM THE MARTHA OBSERV-ATORY
THERE ARE HELIO-CENTRISTS AROUND HERE?
WHAT?
LOOKS LIKE THE GEOCEN-TRISTS ARE ATTACKING THE HELIO-CENTRISTS!

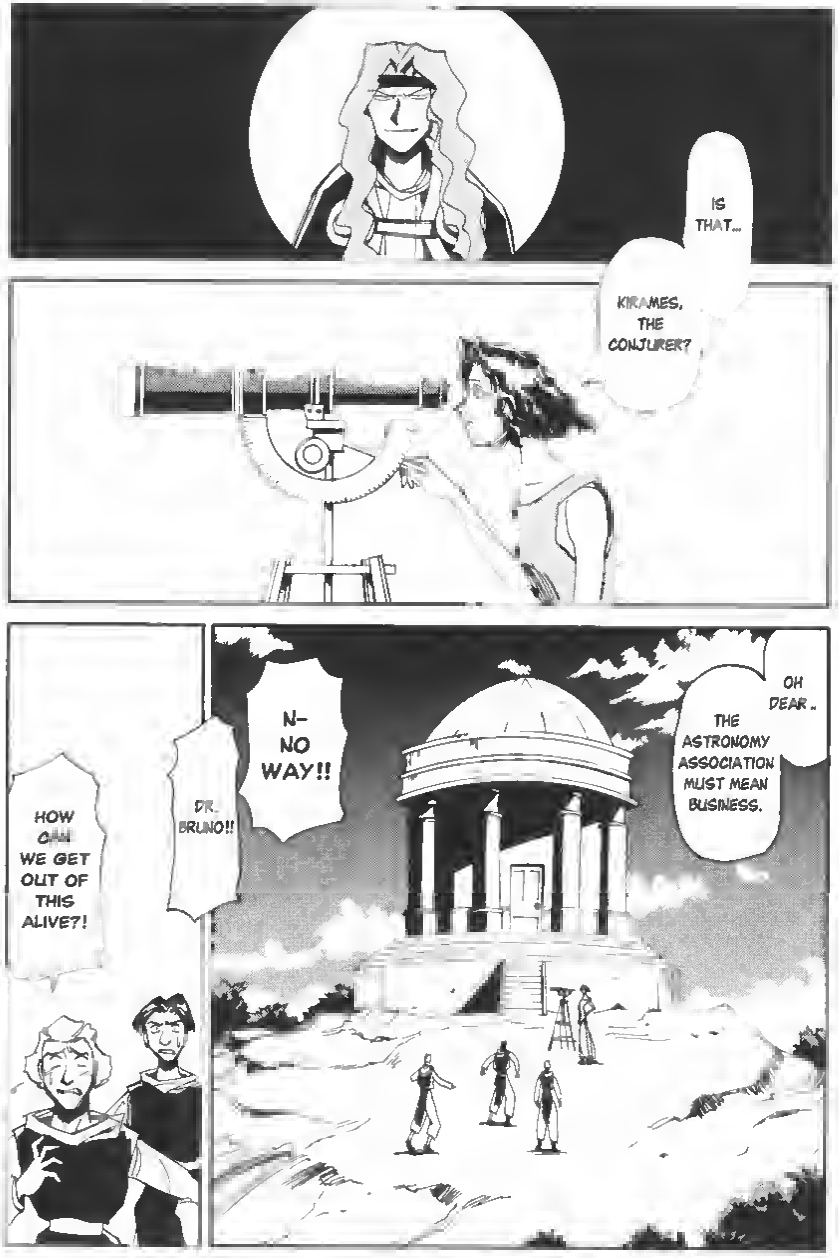

I KNOW OBSERV-ATORIES
SHOULD BE BUILT ON HIGH GROUND...

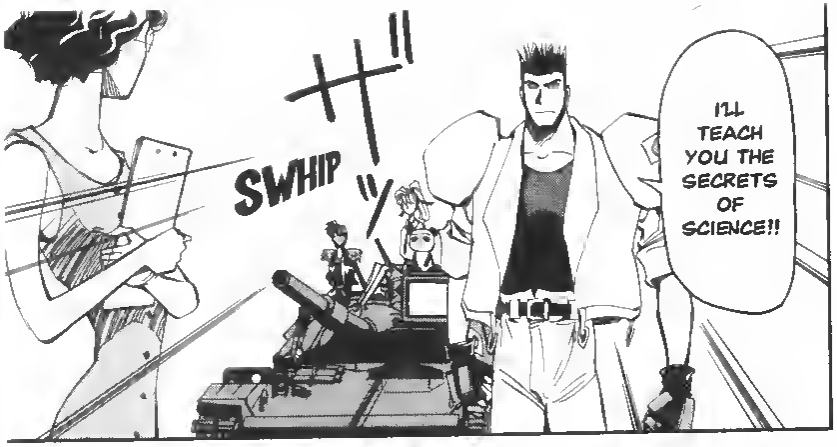

WHAT?
TELL ME.
SLUMP
.....
THE EARTH MOVING- WHAT A CRAZY IDEA!
SHE MUST BE THE ONLY PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO BELIEVES IN THAT.

GOGOGOGO
RRRROOOAR
TELL ME THE WAY TO THE OBSERV-ATORY.
TWITCH
ビク!!

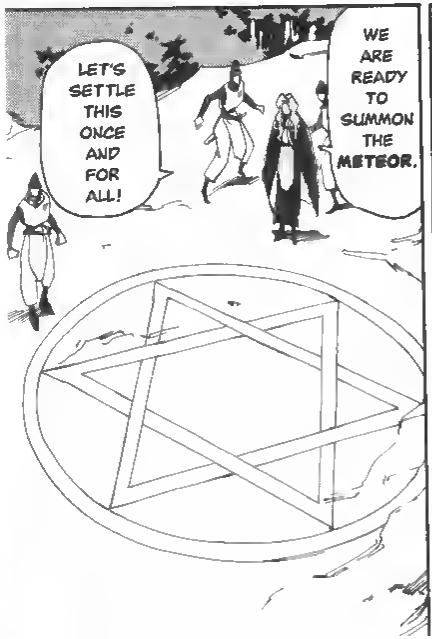
BUT THE MARTHA OBSERVATORY IS LIKE A NATURAL FORTRESS ...
HOW ARE WE GOING TO ATTACK THAT?

SCUFF
THE COURTS ARE WITH YOU ALSO.
THE WORLD ASTRONOMY ASSOC-IATION SENT ME
OH! HOW ENCOUR-AGING!!
MASTER KIRAMES, THE CONJURER!!
LET ME HANDLE THAT.
?!
THOSE FOOLISH PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN THE HELIOCENTRIC THEORY...
HEH HEH HEH.
TELL US HOW TO DIRECT OUR ATTACK ON THE OBSER-VATORY.
MASTER KIRAMES,
GRIN
ニヤリ
DESERVE HEAVENLY PUNISHMENT.


IS THAT...
KIRAMES, THE CONJURER?
N-NO WAY!!
OH DEAR.. THE ASTRONOMY ASSOCIATION MUST MEAN BUSINESS.
DR. BRUNO!!
HOW CAN WE GET OUT OF THIS ALIVE?!

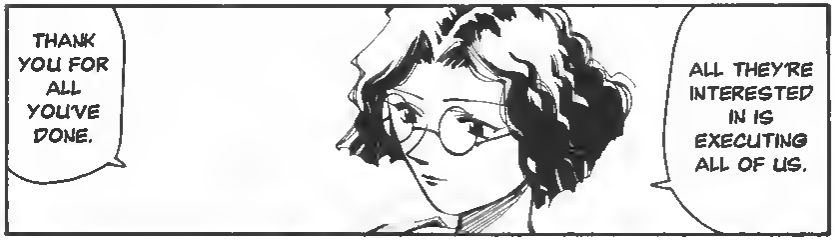

SWHIP
I'LL TEACH YOU THE SECRETS OF SCIENCE!!

HUH?
WHO ARE THEY?


LET'S SETTLE THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL!
WE ARE READY TO SUMMON THE METEOR.

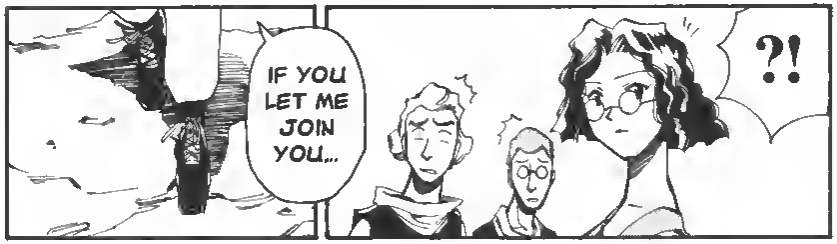
LOOK! SOME STRANGERS HAVE SHOWN UP.
WHAT'S WRONG?

MASTER KIRAMES!
IT DOESN'T MATTER.

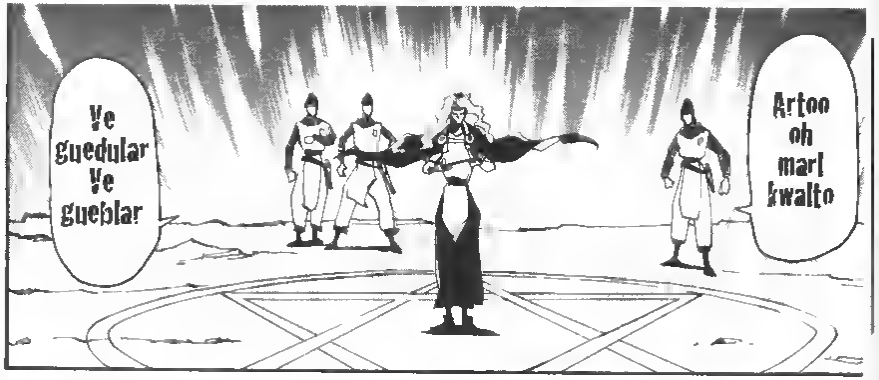

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE.
ALL THEY'RE INTERESTED IN IS EXECUTING ALL OF US.

ugh grghh
DOCTOR...
DOCTOR...
I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU, EVEN AFTER I DIE!

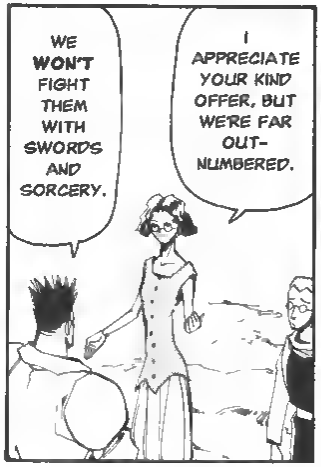
ARE YOU DOCTOR BRUNO?


IF YOU LET ME JOIN YOU...
?!

IS THAT POSSIBLE?
LEAVE IT TO ME! WHERE I'M FROM, HELIOCENTRISM IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE.
grin
I'LL PROVE TO THEM THAT THE HELIOCENTRIC THEORY IS CORRECT.
HMPH.
YOU MEAN EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT?
YOU'RE SO BRAVE!
WOW!!
100 FEET TALL?
A PENDULUM?
.....?
THAT'S HUGE!
AND BUILD THIS!!
100 feet
FIRST, LET'S WORK TOGETHER...


Ye guedular Ye gueblar
Artoo oh marl kwalto

gulp
IT'S STARTED.
ゴオオ Vvorm
O divine stars that sparkle in the sky...


WE WON'T FIGHT THEM WITH SWORDS AND SORCERY.
I APPRECIATE YOUR KIND OFFER, BUT WE'RE FAR OUTNUMBERED.

I SEE.
YOU'VE COME FROM THE OTHER WORLD.

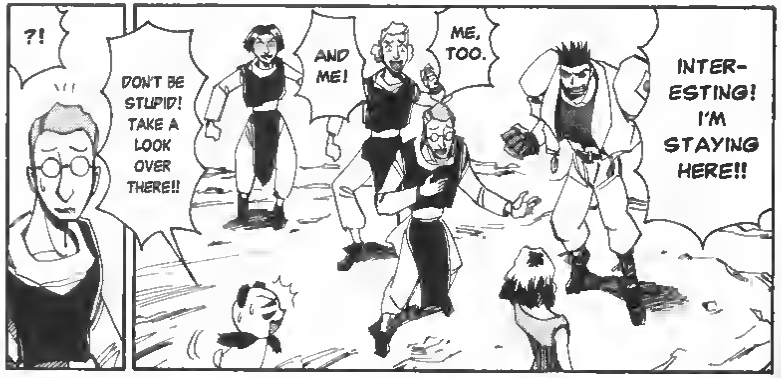
I MEAN...
THEN HOW...

THE ENEMY HAS STARTED THEIR ATTACK!!
A METEOR IS FALLING!
WHAT?!
WHAT THE?!
WHAT INCREDIBLE POWER!
IT COULD CRUSH THE ENTIRE ROCK FORTRESS!

I THINK IT'S A DEVICE TO PROVE THE EARTH MOVES.
WHAT'S THAT?
WOW!!
I NEVER KNEW JUNPEI WAS SO SMART!
THAT'S FOUCAULT'S PENDULUM!
whisper
whisper
whisper
.....
I TRIED TO BUILD ONE IN FRONT OF IKEBUKURO STATION,
BUT THE POLICE STOPPED ME.
DASH
EMERGENCY!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHAT CAN THIS PROVE?
TRUST ME.
BUT THE EXPERIMENT WILL TAKE A WHOLE DAY.

RRRROOOAAR

NOW WE JUST WAIT FOR THE METEOR TO FALL.
IT IS DONE.
MASTER KIMERAS, IS THE SPELL FINISHED?
GET AWAY FROM HERE!!
EVERY-ONE, RUN!
IT'S HEADED RIGHT FOR THE OBSER-VATORY.
YES.
WE HAVE A FEW MINUTES BEFORE IMPACT.
?!
THERE'S NO NEED
DOCTOR, LET'S RUN!
PANIC
I CAN'T BELIEVE THE LOGIC OF SCIENCE WILL BE DEFEATED BY FANTASY!


?!
DON'T BE STUPID! TAKE A LOOK OVER THERE!!
AND ME!
ME, TOO.
INTER-ESTING! I'M STAYING HERE!!

fwfwwsh
fwwsh

THE BIRDS ARE FLYING AWAY!!
SQUAWK
SQUAWK
THE BIRDS...
A
A
A...
flap
flap
flap
flap

BECAUSE...
BUT THE FACT IS IT WILL AVOID US.
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S COMING AT US NOW,

THE HELIOCENTRIC THEORY IS CORRECT.
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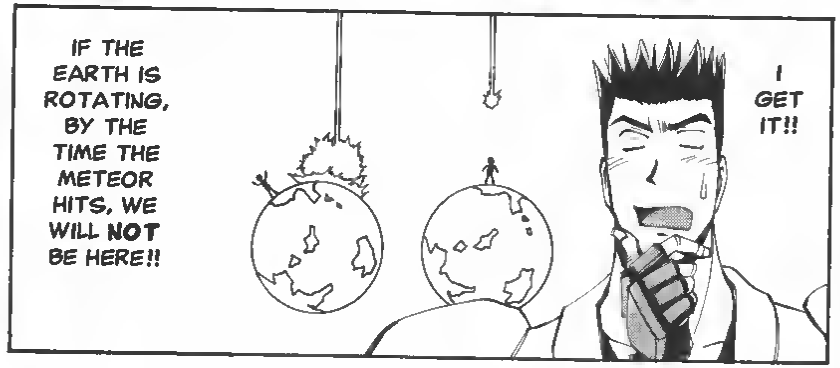
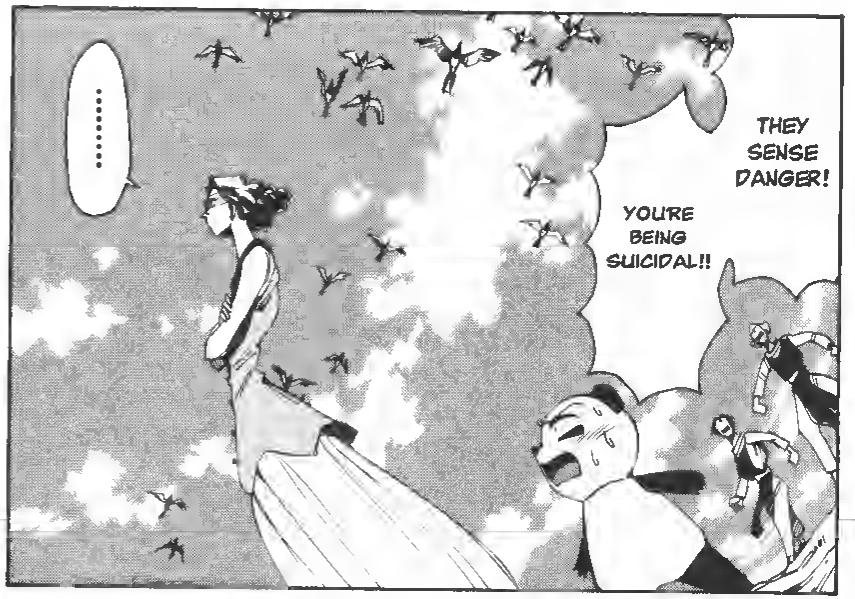
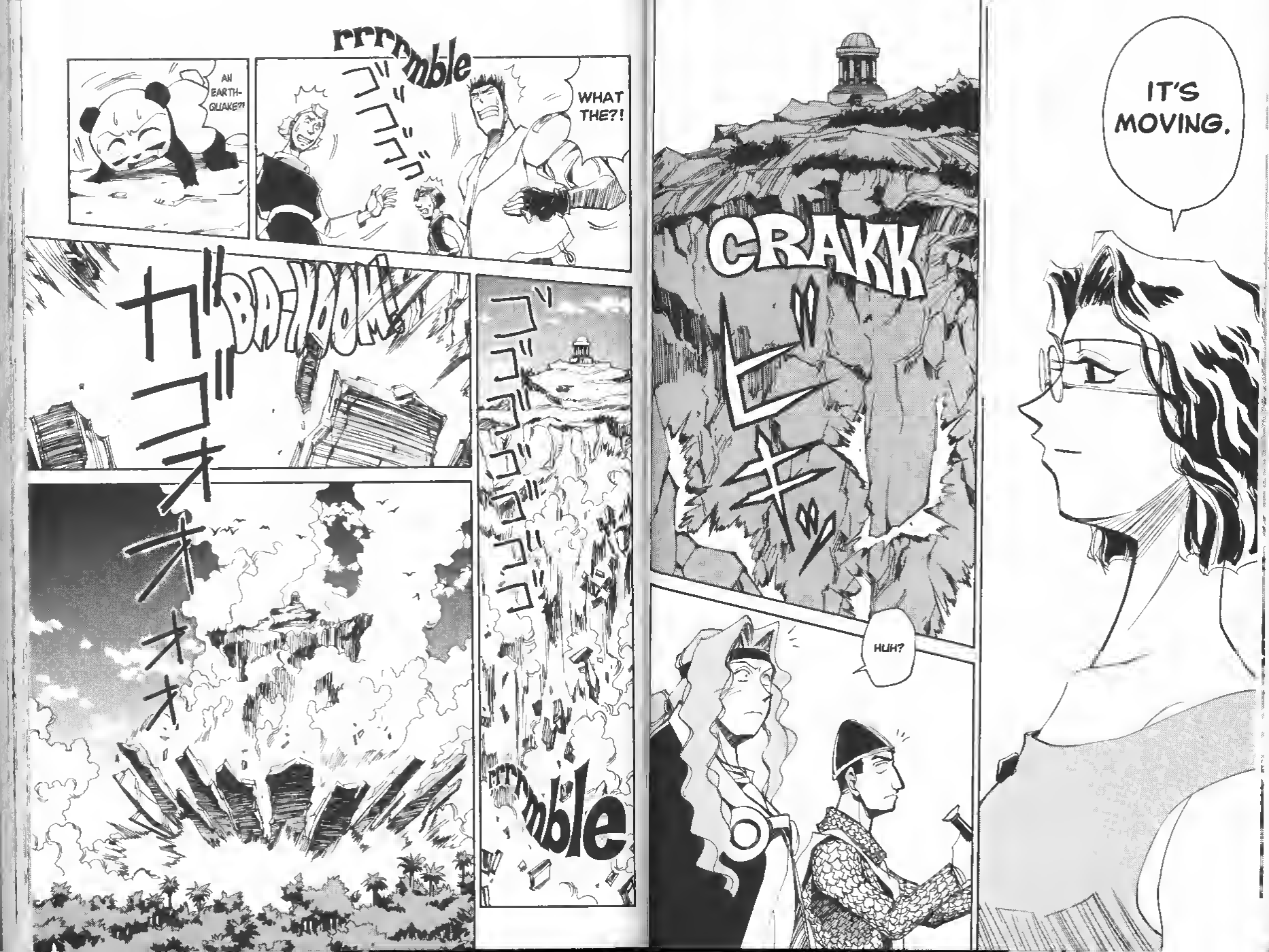

IF THE EARTH IS ROTATING, BY THE TIME THE METEOR HITS, WE WILL NOT BE HERE!!
I GET IT!!

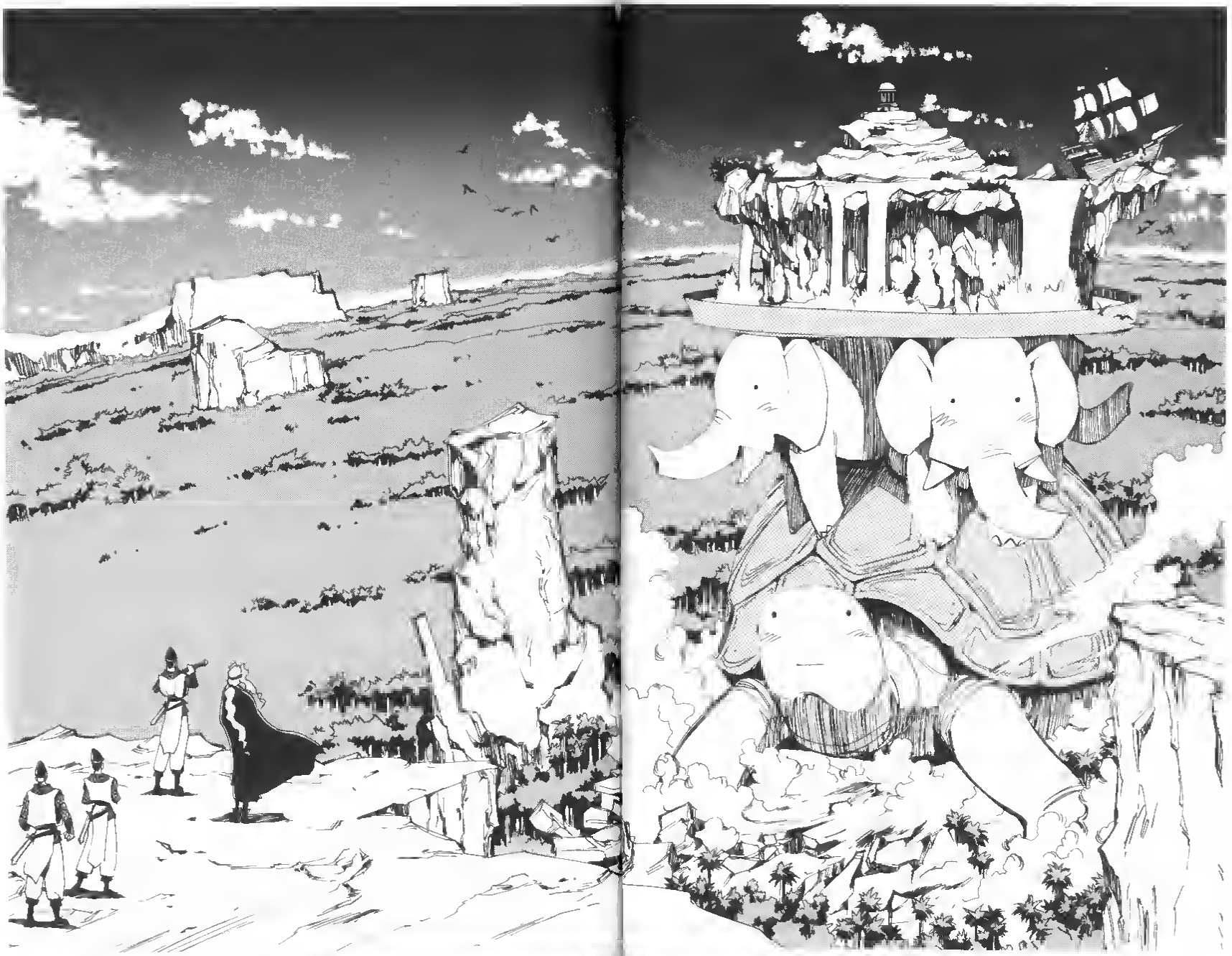
WE WIN!
ニィィ SNEER
vveen
DAMN!


.....
THEY SENSE DANGER!
YOU'RE BEING SUICIDAL!!

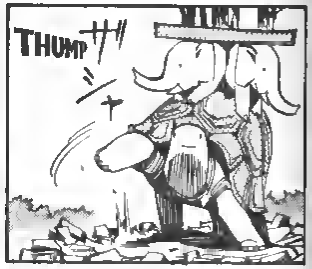
WILD ANIMALS ARE SO MUCH MORE OBEDIENT.
HEH HEH HEH.
THE BIRDS AND ANIMALS ARE RUNNING AW..Y!

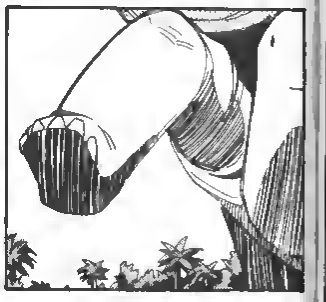
THE METEOR! IT'S HERE!
IT'S ONLY HUMANS THAT ARE SO STUBBORN.

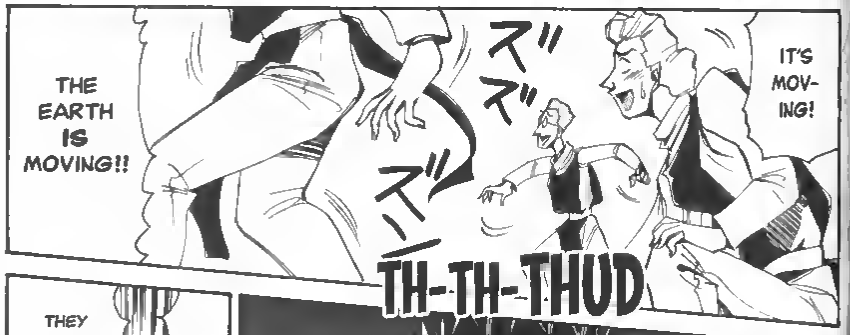

IT'S MOVING.
CRAKK
HUH?
rrrrrmble
AN EARTH-QUAKE?!
WHAT THE?!
BA-BOOM!
rrrrrmble

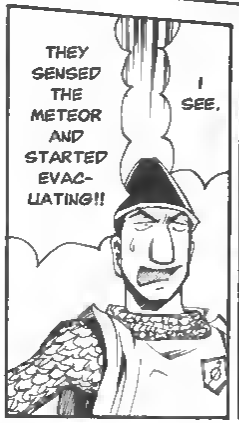


THUD


THUMP



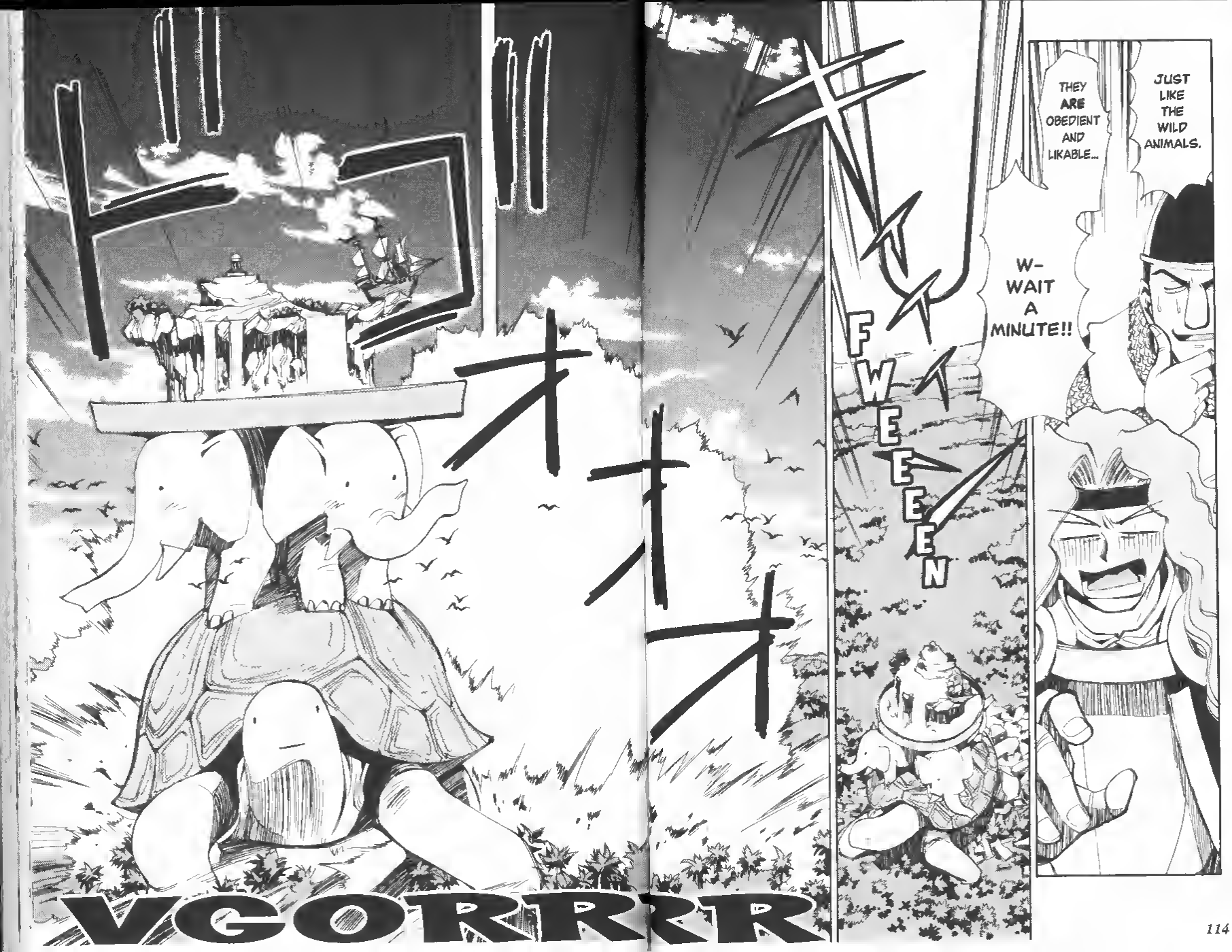

THE EARTH IS MOVING!!
IT'S MOV-ING!
TH-TH-THUD

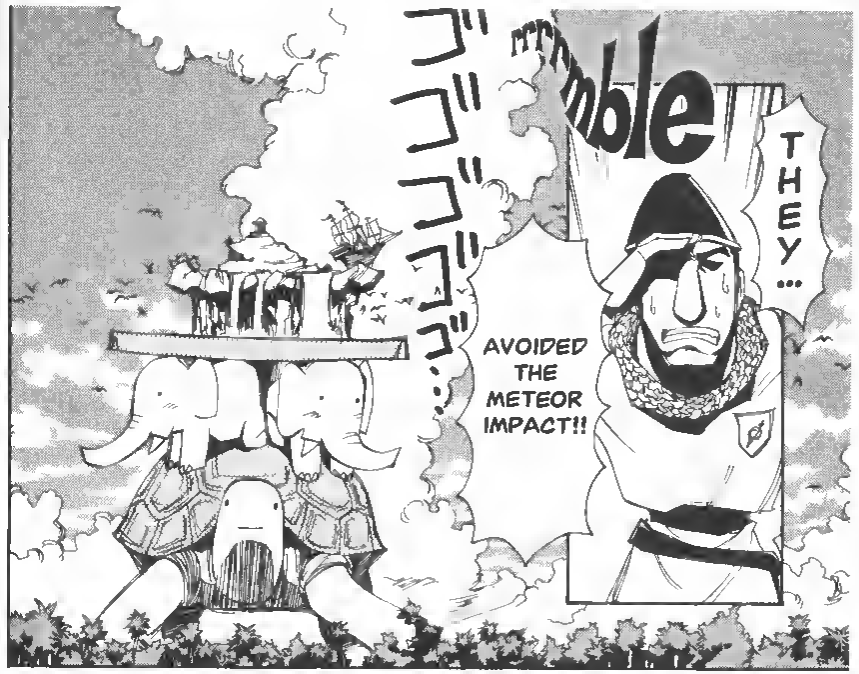

THEY SENSED THE METEOR AND STARTED EVAC-UATING!!
I SEE.

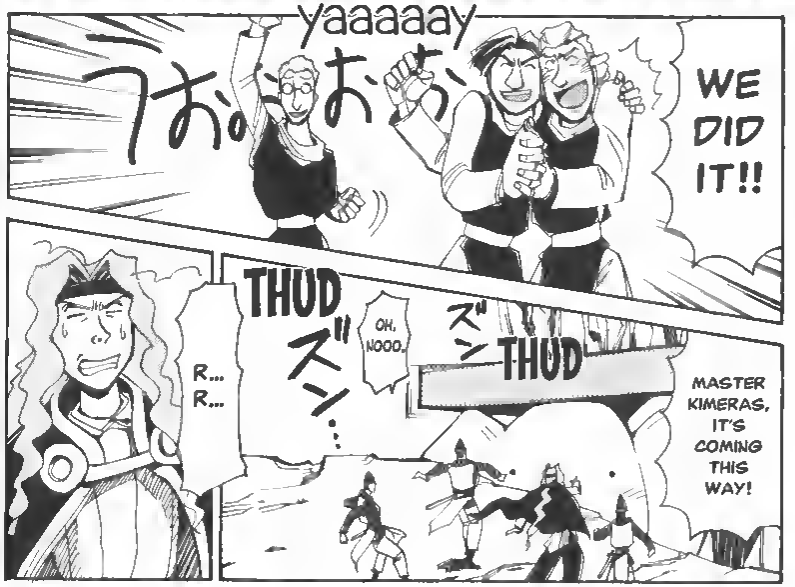
HUH?

PAOOOW!
TORTOISE!

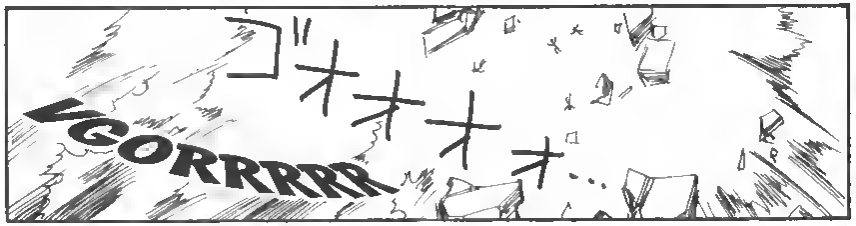
SHOCK
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!


VGORRR
FWEEEEN
W-WAIT A MINUTE!!
THEY ARE OBEDIENT AND LIKABLE...
JUST LIKE THE WILD ANIMALS.


GOGOGOGO...
THEY...
AVOIDED THE METEOR IMPACT!!


yaaaaay
WE DID IT!!
R... R...
THUD
OH, NOOO.
THUD
MASTER KIMERAS, IT'S COMING THIS WAY!

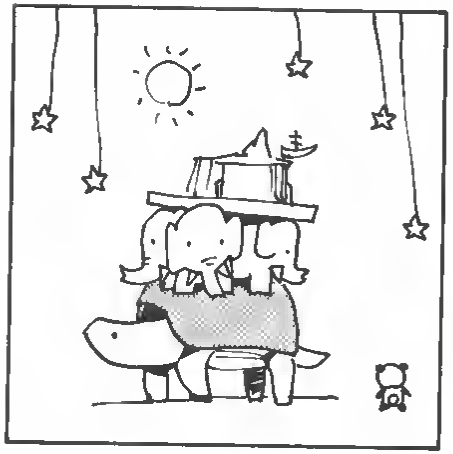
CRAKKKK
RUN!
GAAAUGH!


VGORRRRR

YES!
GRIN
THAT
IS YOUR HELIO-CENTRIC THEORY?
NOW EVERY-THING HAS BEEN PROVEN!
PAOOO!
.....
rrrr

Making of #28

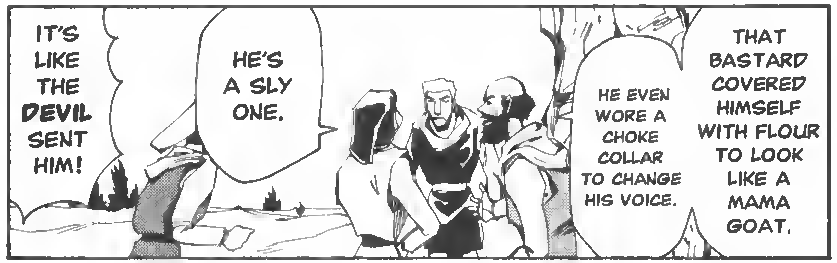
A tortoise with three elephants on top with stars hanging from above. I heard this is how ancient Indian people saw the universe.

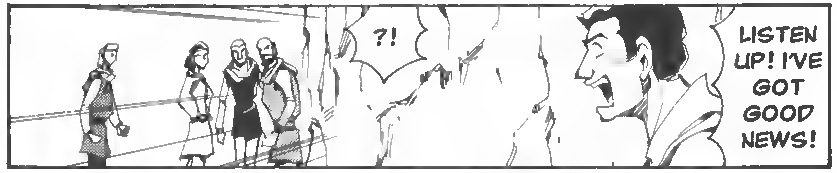


Heh heh heh
THEY DON'T EVEN REMEMBER HOW MANY HUNTERS I'VE CHASED AWAY.

OOPS!
sploosh
?!
KA-CLUNK

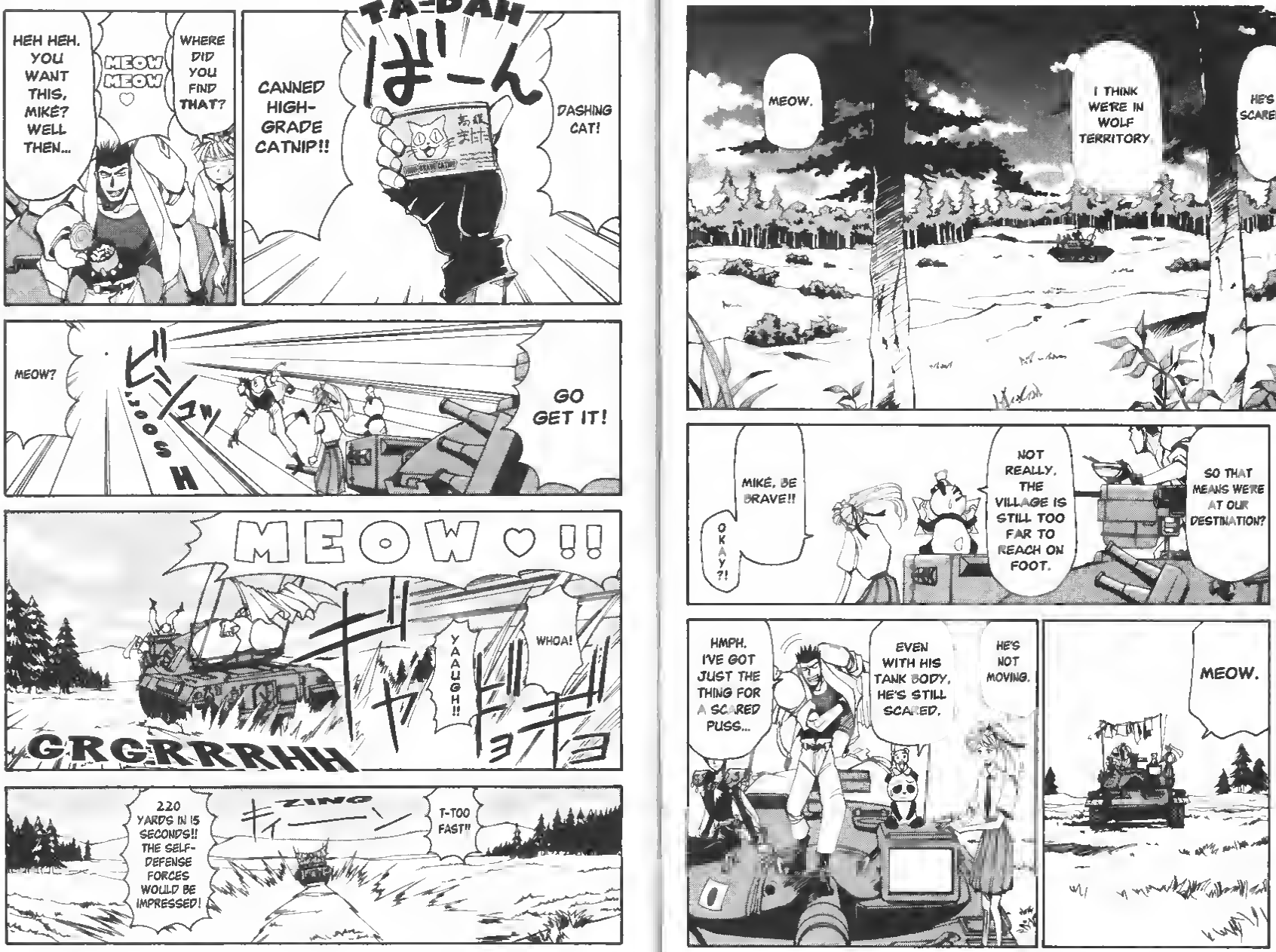
MEOW.
slrrrp
MIKE, WHAT'S WRONG?
HEY! WHY'D YOU STOP LIKE THAT?


IT'S LIKE THE DEVIL SENT HIM!
HE'S A SLY ONE.
HE EVEN WORE A CHOKE COLLAR TO CHANGE HIS VOICE.
THAT BASTARD COVERED HIMSELF WITH FLOUR TO LOOK LIKE A MAMA GOAT.


?!
LISTEN UP! I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS!

HE HIRED SOME FIRST CLASS HUNTERS!
NO! BUT THE LORD FINALLY DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!
WHAT HAP-PEN-ED?!
IS THE WOLF DEAD?

STUPID HUMANS
HMPH
GREAT!
REALLY ?
FOUR OF THEM!!
おおお
Yeah!


MEOW.
I THINK WE'RE IN WOLF TERRITORY
HE'S SCARED.
MIKE, BE BRAVE!!
OKAY?!
NOT REALLY. THE VILLAGE IS STILL TOO FAR TO REACH ON FOOT.
SO THAT MEANS WE'RE AT OUR DESTINATION?
HMPH. I'VE GOT JUST THE THING FOR A SCARED PUSS...
EVEN WITH HIS TANK BODY, HE'S STILL SCARED.
HE'S NOT MOVING.
MEOW.
HEH HEH. YOU WANT THIS, MIKE? WELL THEN...
MEOW MEOW
WHERE DID YOU FIND THAT?
TA-DAH
ばーん
CANNED HIGH-GRADE CATNIP!!
DASHING CAT!
MEOW?
ビュ〜ン
SHOOSH
GO GET IT!
MEOW ♡ !!
キャ〜
YAAUGH!!
WHOA!
GRGRRRHH
220 YARDS IN 15 SECONDS!! THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES WOULD BE IMPRESSED!
ZING
キィ〜ン
T-TOO FAST!!

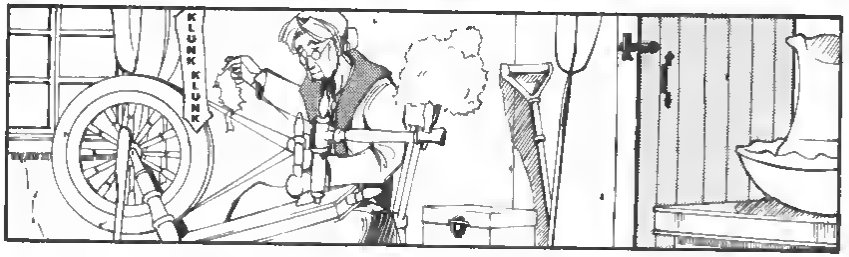
ONCE GRANNY SEES ME, SHE'LL SAY,
LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD, WHAT BIG EARS YOU HAVE!
I'll answer without missing a beat.
THE BETTER TO HEAR YOU WITH, GRAND-MA!

GRRRRR
ALL THE BETTER TO EAT YOU WITH!!
YAAAUGH!

WHAT BIG EYES YOU HAVE!
ALL THE BETTER TO SEE YOU WITH!

WHAT A BIG MOUTH YOU HAVE!
HA HA HA!

CREEEAK
K-CHK
CLOMP CLOMP CLOMP
I'M A GENIUS!!
BWAHAHA! WHAT AN EXCELLENT SCENARIO!

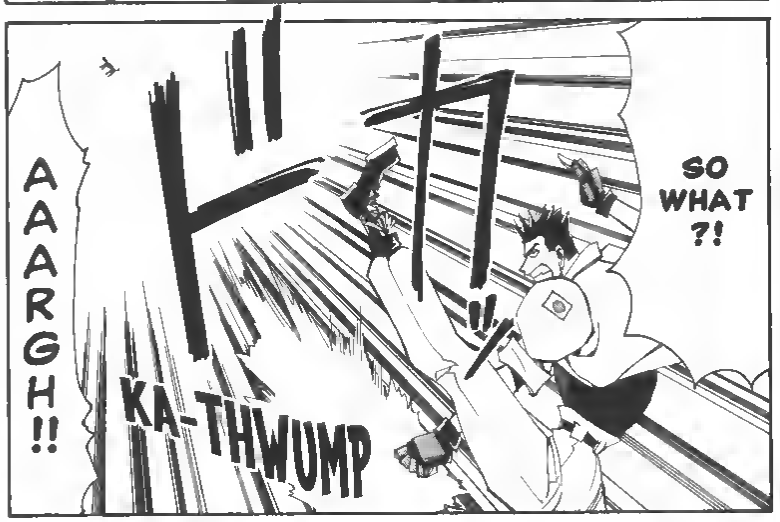

KLUNK KLUNK

IT'S ME, LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD!!
WHO'S THERE?

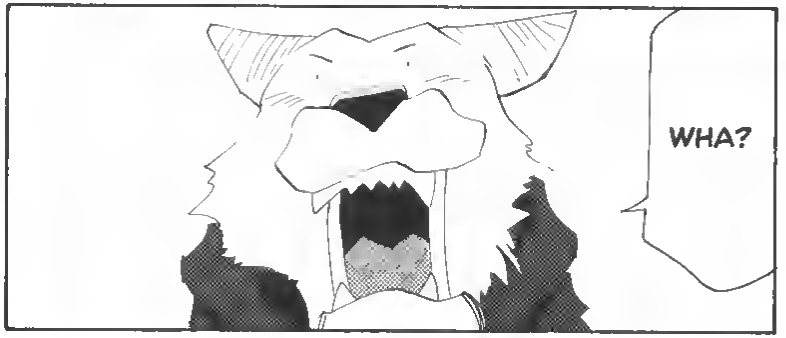
KNOCK KNOCK

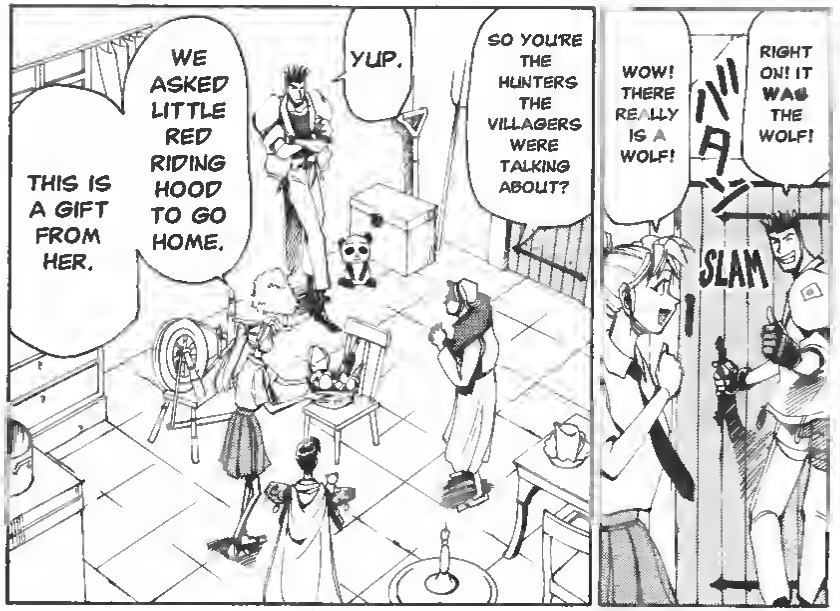
HEH HEH. THIS'LL BE A CINCH!!
OH! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE, DEAR!

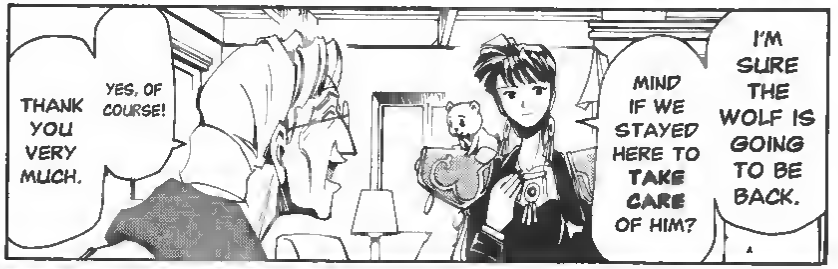
OH GRANDMA, WHAT A RUGGED BODY YOU HAVE!
W-WELL...
YOU GOT A PROBLEM?

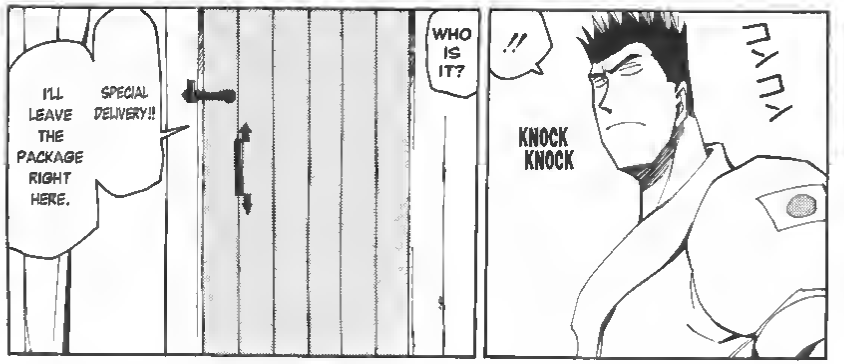

AAARGH!!
KA-THWUMP
SO WHAT?!

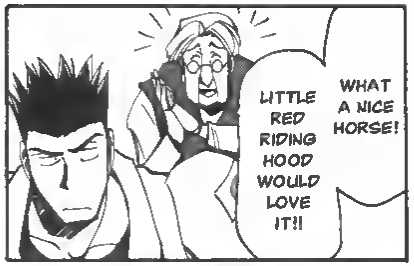
GRRR
BUT IT AIN'T OVER YET!
THAT MUST BE THE HUNTER.
UGH...
STAGGER


WHA?

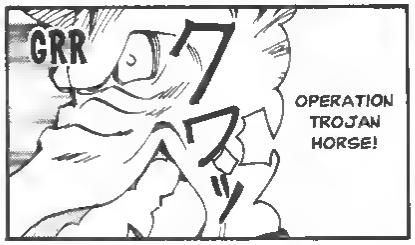

SO YOU'RE THE HUNTERS THE VILLAGERS WERE TALKING ABOUT?
YUP.
WE ASKED LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD TO GO HOME.
THIS IS A GIFT FROM HER.
WOW! THERE REALLY IS A WOLF!
RIGHT ON! IT WAS THE WOLF!
SLAM

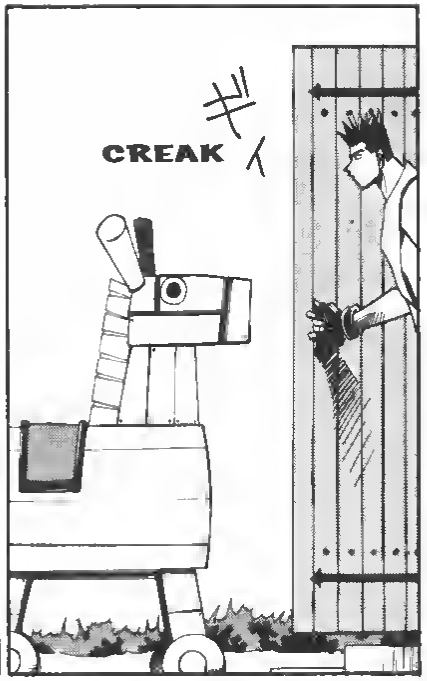

I'M SURE THE WOLF IS GOING TO BE BACK.
MIND IF WE STAYED HERE TO TAKE CARE OF HIM?
YES, OF COURSE!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

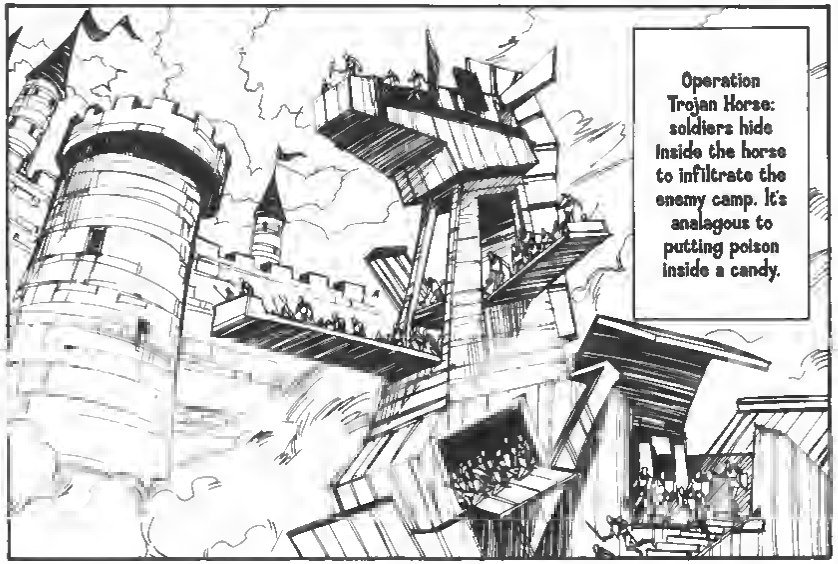

!!
KNOCK KNOCK
WHO IS IT?
SPECIAL DELIVERY!!
I'LL LEAVE THE PACKAGE RIGHT HERE.


WHAT A NICE HORSE!
LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD WOULD LOVE IT!!

IDIOT!
I CALL THIS:

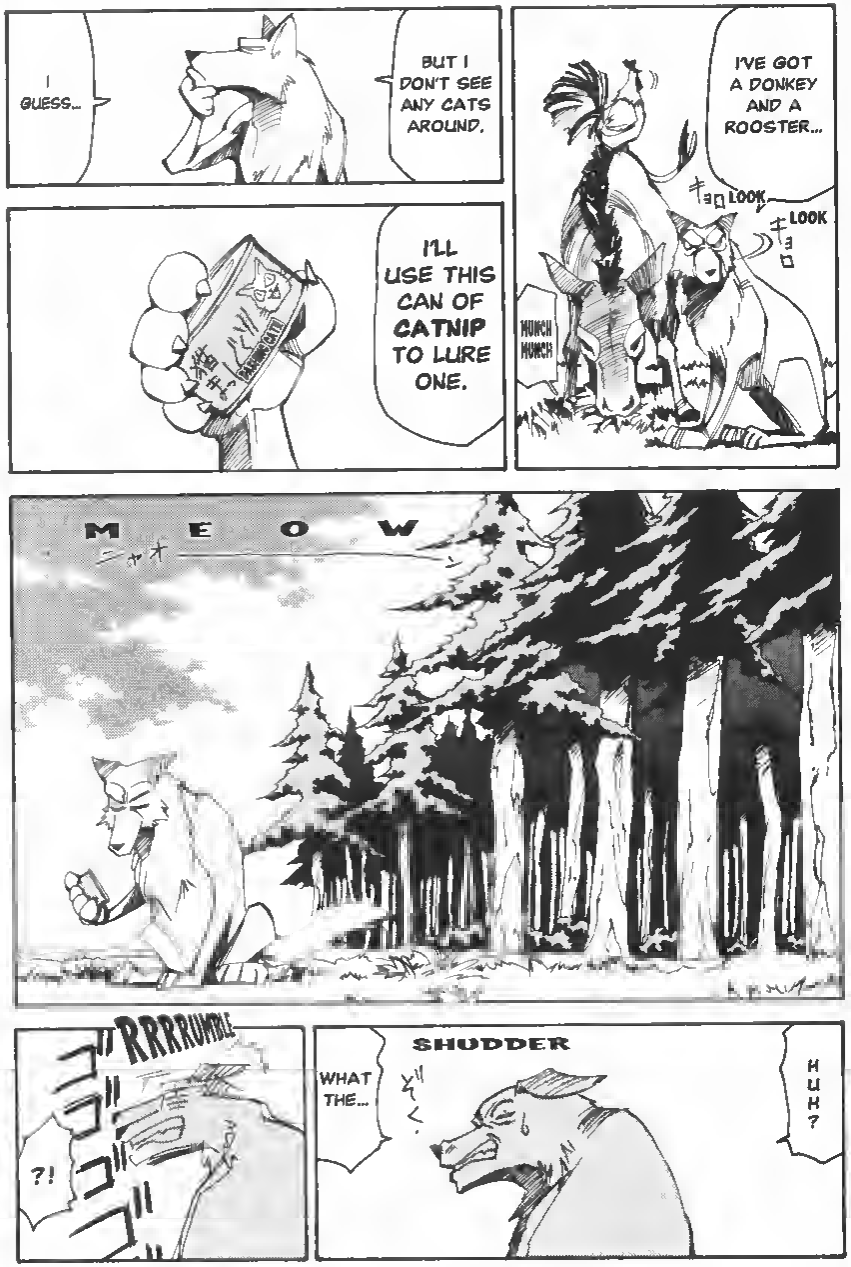

GRR
OPERATION TROJAN HORSE!


CREAK


Operation Trojan Horse: soldiers hide inside the horse to infiltrate the enemy camp. It's analagous to putting poison inside a candy.

GWRR
OPERATION HALLOWEEN GOBLINS!!
A VISITOR IN THE LONG AUTUMN NIGHT.
MY NEXT PLAN'LL SETTLE THIS.
HEH HEH HEH
IT DOESN'T MATTER
Operation Halloween Goblins: when the almighty Jack-O-Lantern appears in pumpkin fields, goblins can visit villagers at will.
UMM...
IDIOT! IT'S NOT HALLOWEEN YET!!
KA-THWUNK
AAARGH!!
GET LOST!
TRICK OR TREAT!

CRAKK
GRYAAAA!!
AND DON'T COME BACK!
THWONK
LEAVE IT TO ME! JUNPEI CHOP!!
LET'S SEE WHAT'S INSIDE.
GRH
URGH
IF THEY SAW THROUGH MY STRATEGY, THEY REALLY MUST BE PROS.
STAGGER
WHY DIDN'T HE KILL ME?
BUT...
.....


I GUESS...
BUT I DON'T SEE ANY CATS AROUND.
I'LL USE THIS CAN OF CATNIP TO LURE ONE.
I'VE GOT A DONKEY AND A ROOSTER...
LOOK
LOOK
MUNCH MUNCH
M E O W
RRRRUMBLE
?!
SHUDDER
WHAT THE...
HUH?

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY DIDN'T HE KILL ME?!
A... AGAIN?!
Operation Bremen Town Musicians: by merging a donkey, a dog, a cat and a rooster, you can transform them into an invincible monster that charges forth fearlessly.
HEH HEH
NOW I'M MAD!!
IT'S TIME FOR MY BEST STRATEGY!
THE ULTIMATE TRANSFORMATION: OPERATION BREMEN TOWN MUSICIANS.
GLARE

MEOW♡
CRAKK
CRRKK
KSNAP
?!
MEOW♡
GAARGH!
RRRUMBLE
DASH
KA-SMASH
GYAARGH!!
SQWSH
SNAP
SQWLSH
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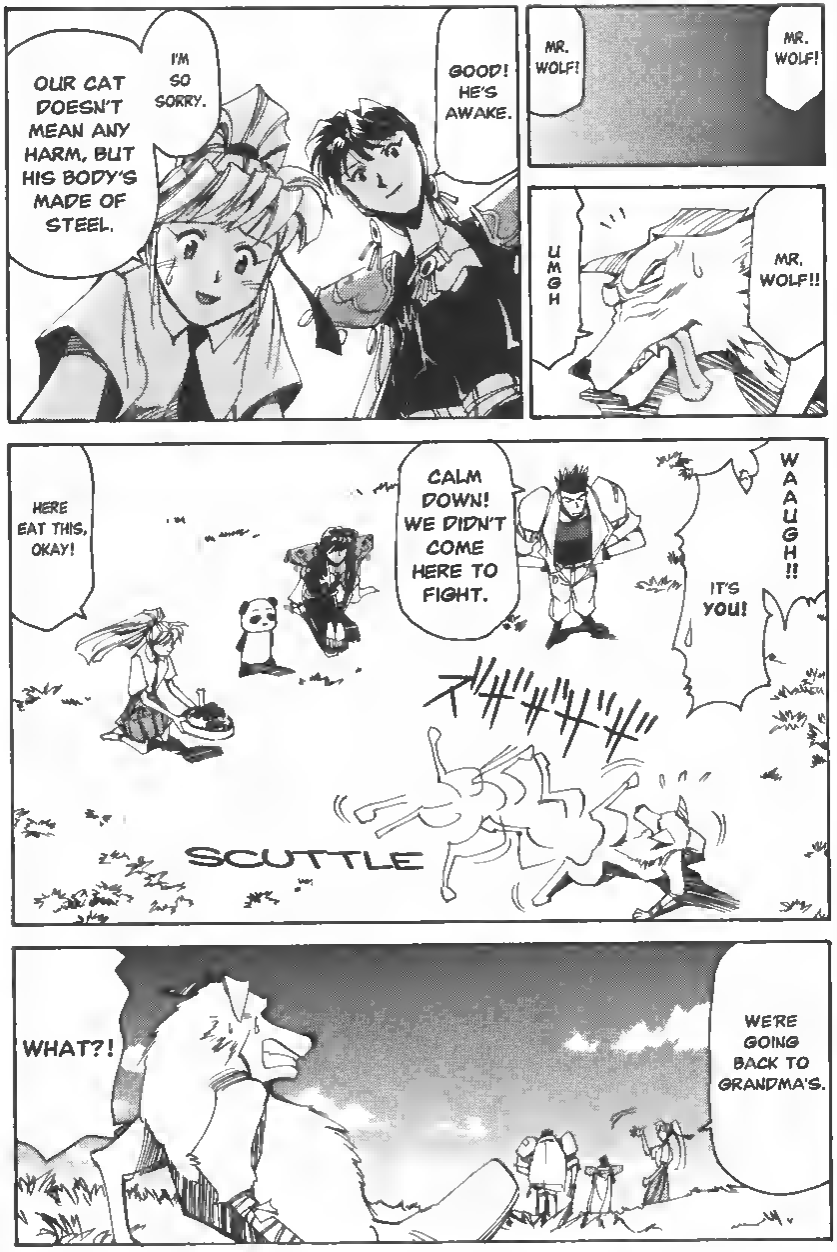
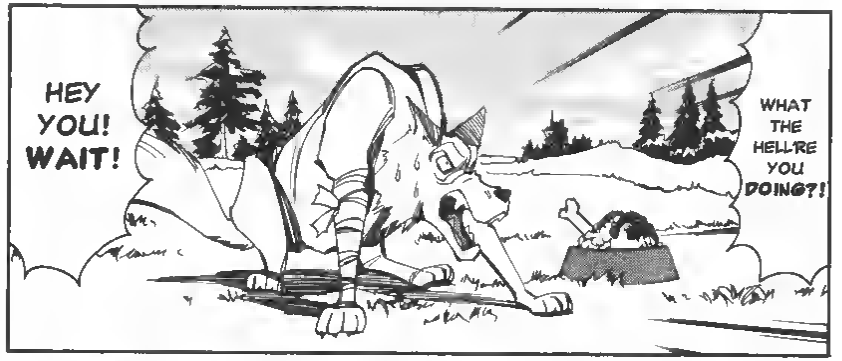

I'M SO SORRY.
OUR CAT DOESN'T MEAN ANY HARM, BUT HIS BODY'S MADE OF STEEL.
GOOD! HE'S AWAKE.
MR. WOLF!
MR. WOLF!
UMGH
MR. WOLF!!
HERE EAT THIS, OKAY!
CALM DOWN! WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO FIGHT.
WAAUGH!!
IT'S YOU!
SCUTTLE
WHAT?!
WE'RE GOING BACK TO GRANDMA'S.


HEY YOU! WAIT!
WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU DOING?!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!

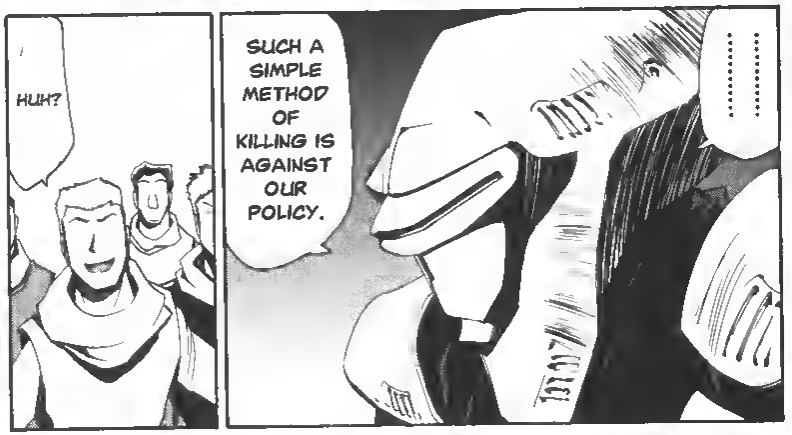
...

YOU TAKE ME FOR A FOOL?
SOME HUNTERS YOU ARE!!
ホカ pipin' hot ホカ

REAL HUNTERS ARE MORE COLD HEARTED AND CRUEL!

THE HUNTERS ARE HERE!
THE HUN-TERS ARE HERE!
HUNTERS?!
WHAT?!

THEY'RE HERE!!
cluck
SWAR
YAY!!


HUH?
SUCH A SIMPLE METHOD OF KILLING IS AGAINST OUR POLICY.
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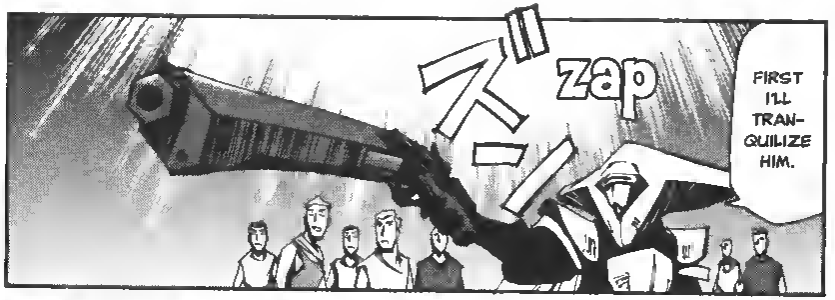
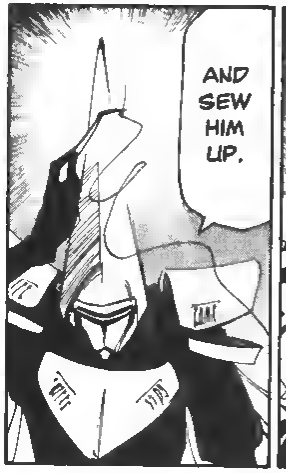
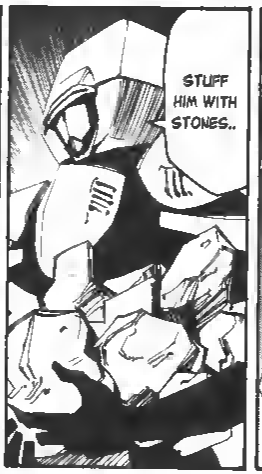
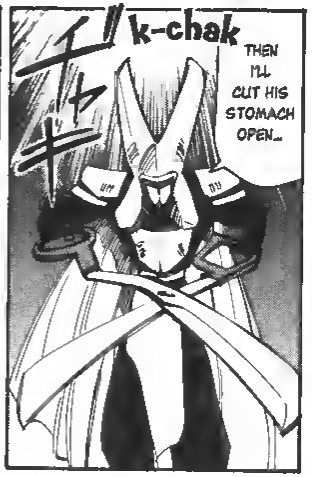
ARE YOU GOING TO GUN HIM DOWN?
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO KILL THE WOLF?
chatter chatter
THEY LOOK STRONG!

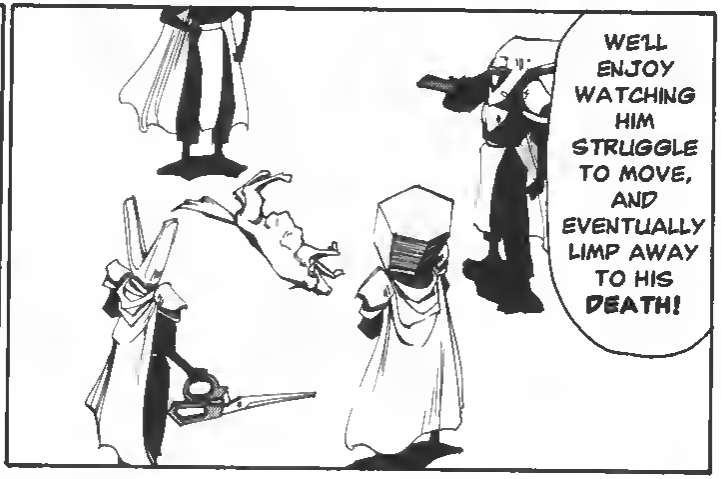

zap
FIRST I'LL TRANQUILIZE HIM.


AND SEW HIM UP.


STUFF HIM WITH STONES..

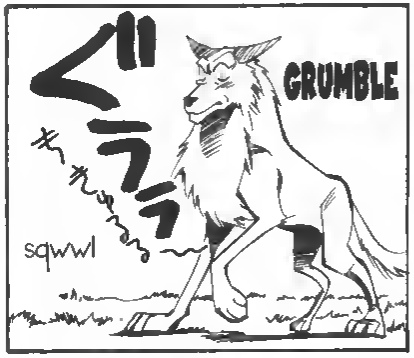

k-chak
THEN I'LL CUT HIS STOMACH OPEN..

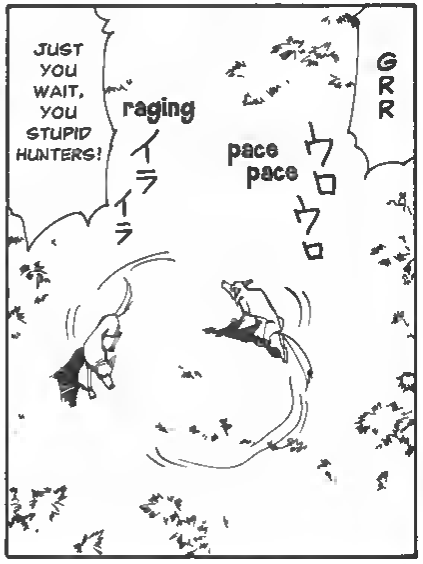
FAR OUT!


WELL ENJOY WATCHING HIM STRUGGLE TO MOVE, AND EVENTUALLY LIMP AWAY TO HIS DEATH!

THAT'S HOW PROFESSIONAL WOLF HUNTERS DO IT!
THAT'S THE PERFECT WAY FOR THAT EVIL WOLF TO DIE.
scuff
scuff
AWESOME!

LET THE HUNT BEGIN.
VERY WELL


GRUMBLE
sqwwl


JUST YOU WAIT, YOU STUPID HUNTERS!
raging
pace pace
GRR

glance
DAMN.

.....
HMPH.
gulp
gulp
gulp
gulp
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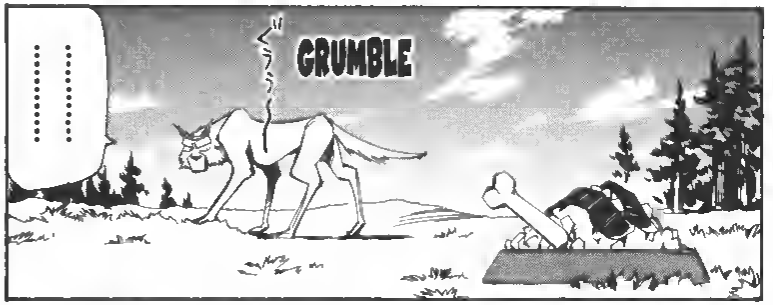
scuff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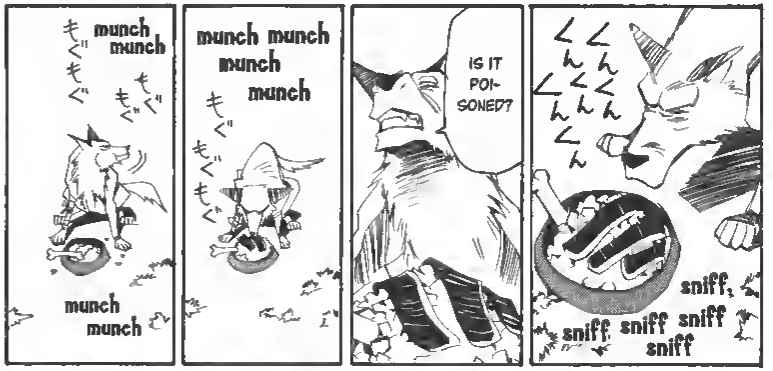
GRUMBLE


munch munch
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munch munch
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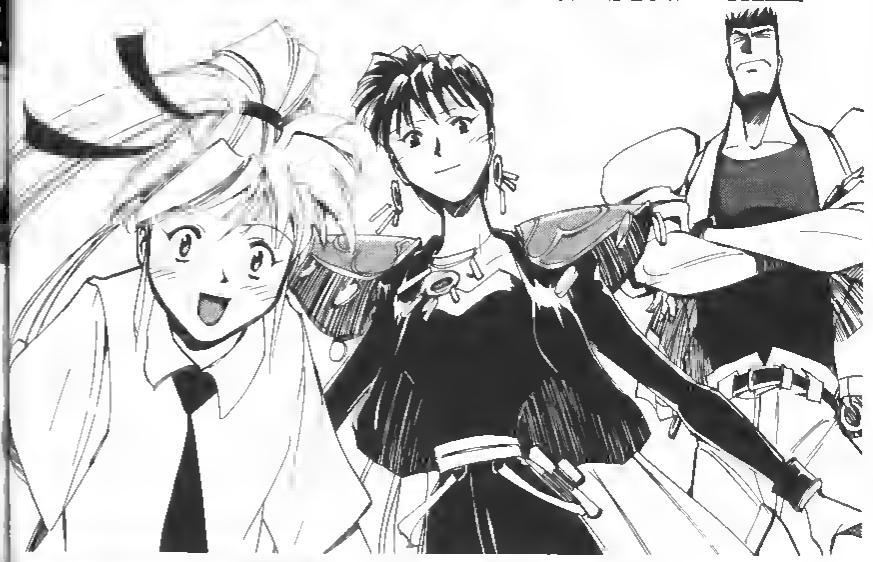
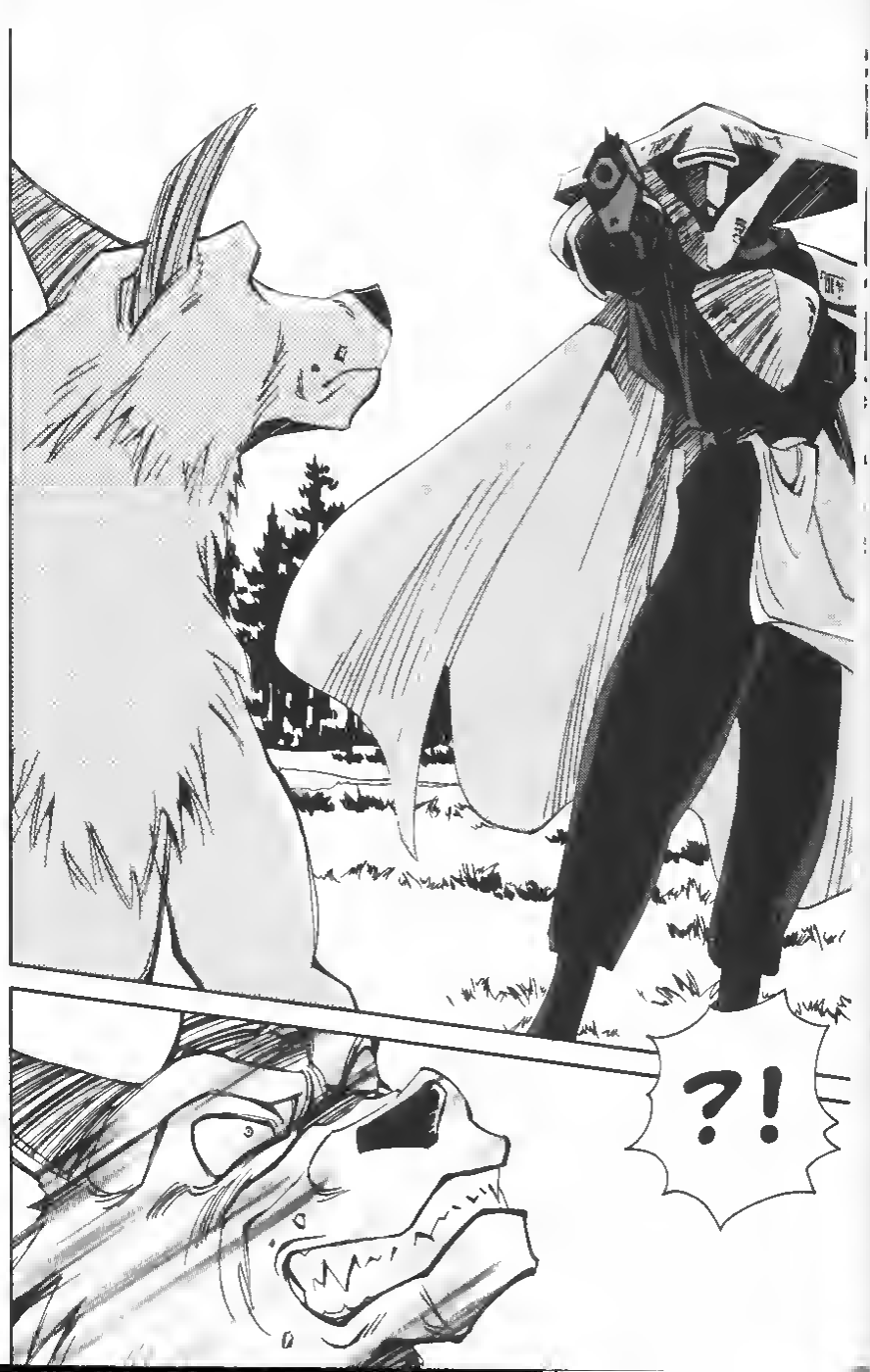
IS IT POISONED?
くんくんくんくんくんくん
sniff sniff sniff sniff sniff



flap
flap
flap
ka-BOOM
A GUN-SHOT?!
!!

WE'RE GOIN' HUNTING!
GRIN
LET'S GO!
OH NO!
WHAT?! THEY'RE HERE A LOT SOONER THAN EXPECTED!
BUT, WHY?
IT'S WELL WORTH THE TRIP.
FIRST BIG KILL IN A WHILE.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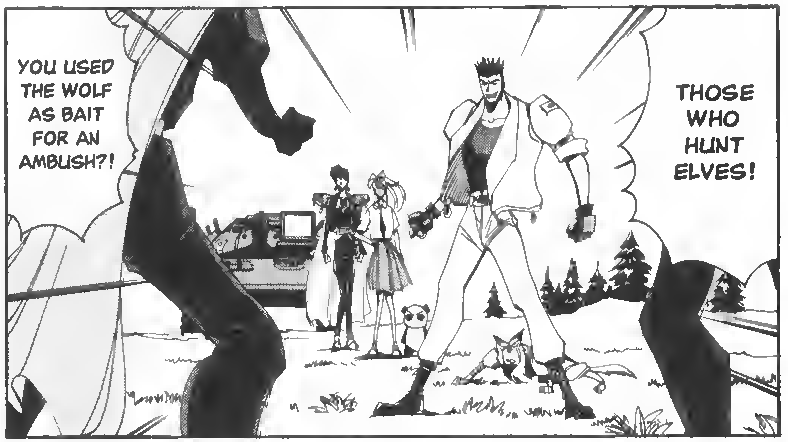
SO THESE ARE THE HUNTERS I'VE HEARD ABOUT! MAN, I MADE A BIG MISTAKE.
VWOOORRR
WELL, IS IT ABOUT TIME FOR MY SCISSORS?
THOSE WEIRDOS...
AIYAAAA!!
I DIDN'T EVEN GET TO THANK THEM FOR THE DELICIOUS MEAL.

!!
grab
DON'T WORRY
totter
A TRANQUILIZER GUN
SHIT!
WE WON'T...
THWONK
LET YOU DIE SO EASILY!
THWOK
grrgh.
grrgh.
SGROSH

!!
THWONK
NO NEED TO THANK US!!


YOU USED THE WOLF AS BAIT FOR AN AMBUSH?!
THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES!

ME? BAIT?!
ME, BAIT FOR AN AMBUSH?

.....!!
ボキボキバキ
GRIN
ニヤー
RIGHT NOW, I THINK YOU SHOULD BE MORE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.
CRACK SNAP CRAKK
WHAT'S DONE IS DONE.

CRAKK
CONK
SGROSH
キャア
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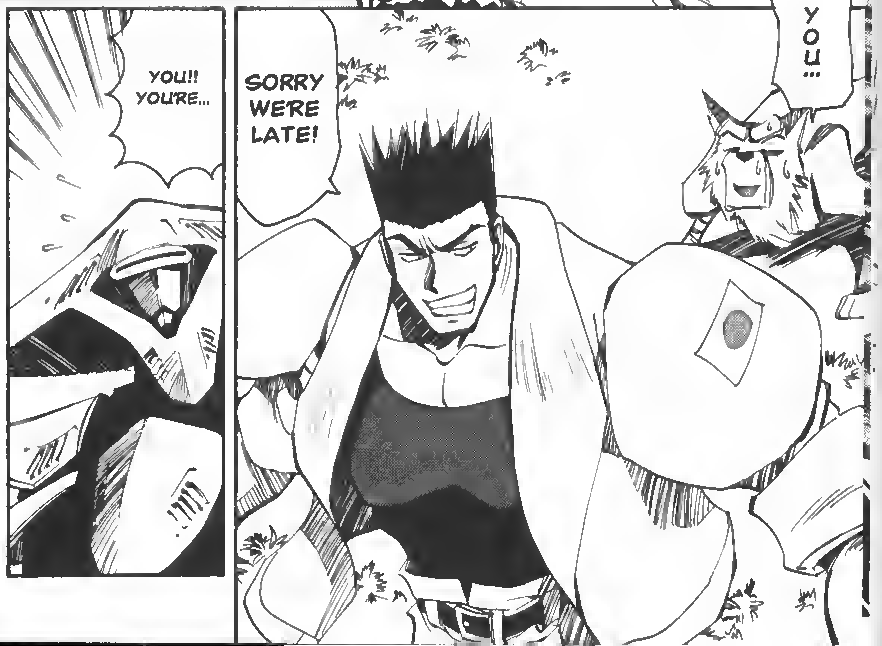
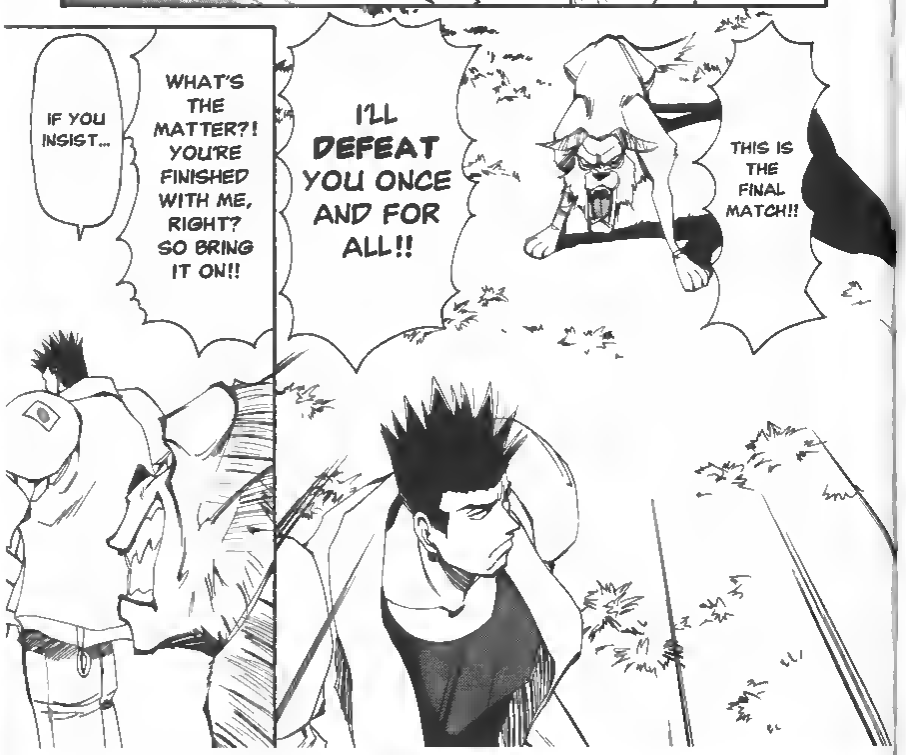

YOU!! YOU'RE...
SORRY WE'RE LATE!
YOU...!!

WHA?
scuff
HOW DARE YOU USE ME!

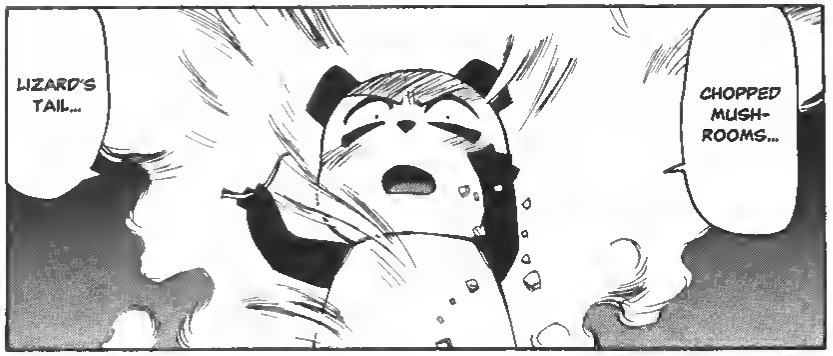
grrr
I CAN'T BELIEVE I TRUSTED YOU, EVEN FOR A SECOND!

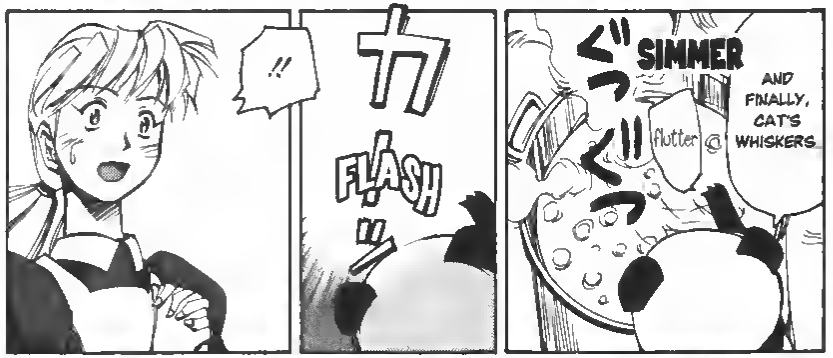

IF YOU INSIST...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?! YOU'RE FINISHED WITH ME, RIGHT? SO BRING IT ON!!
I'LL DEFEAT YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL!!
THIS IS THE FINAL MATCH!!

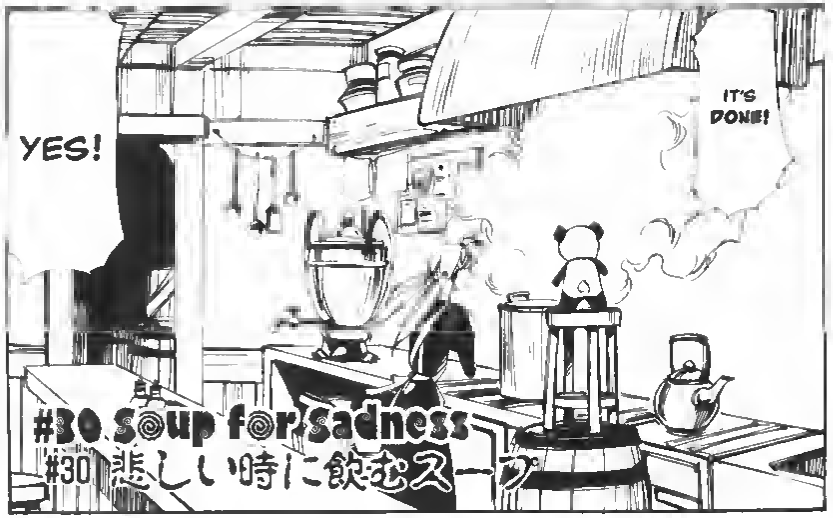
AAAAUGH!
STRIIIP
ELVES SHALL BE STRIPPED!!

GO FIND A WIFE SOON!!

MAYBE YOU DON'T KNOW THIS...
EVEN NOW YOU MAKE A FOOL OF ME! GRR!
PUSH
EAT THIS!
BUT WOLVES ARE EXTINCT IN JAPAN.
JAPAN?
?







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No Good! →

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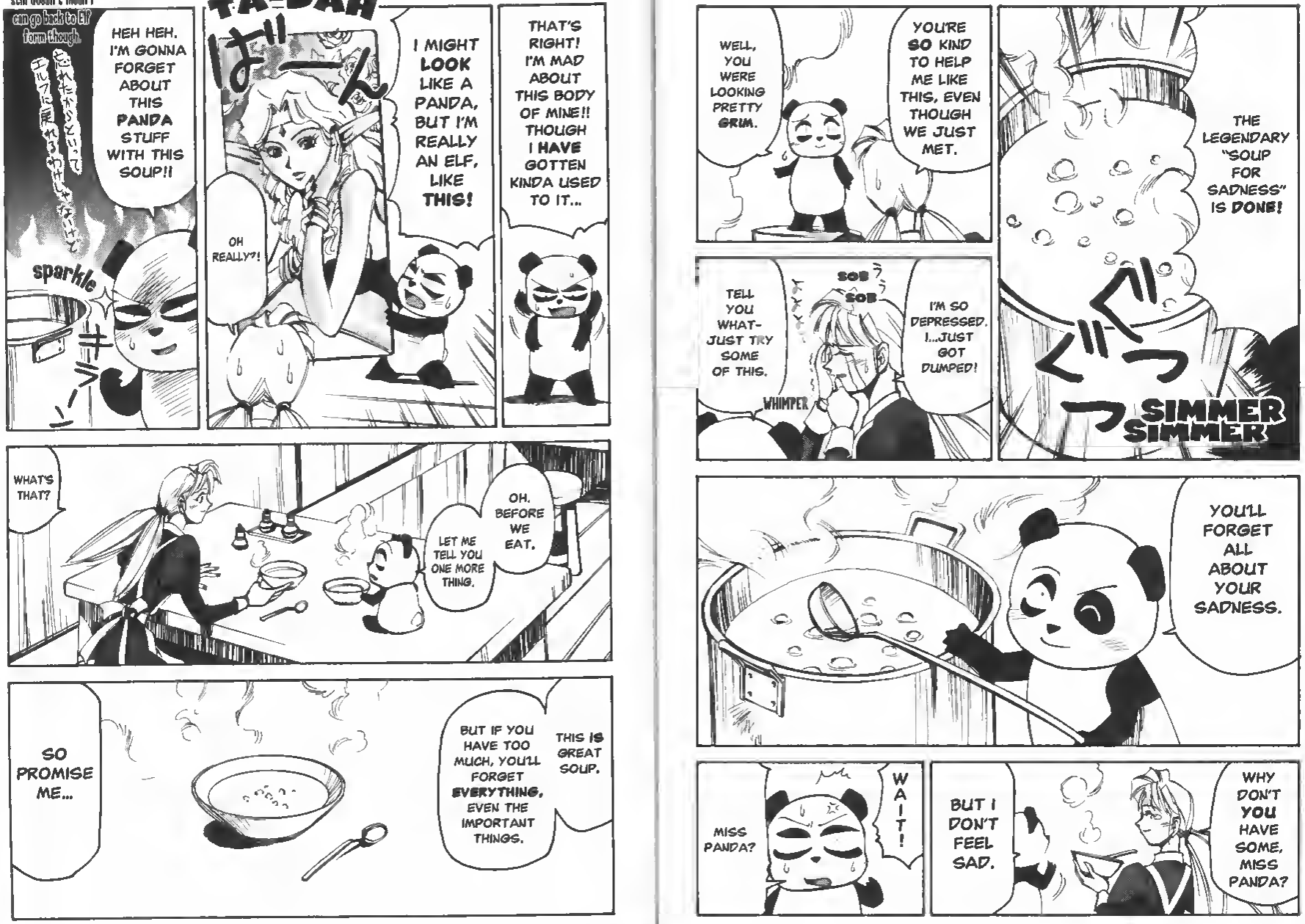
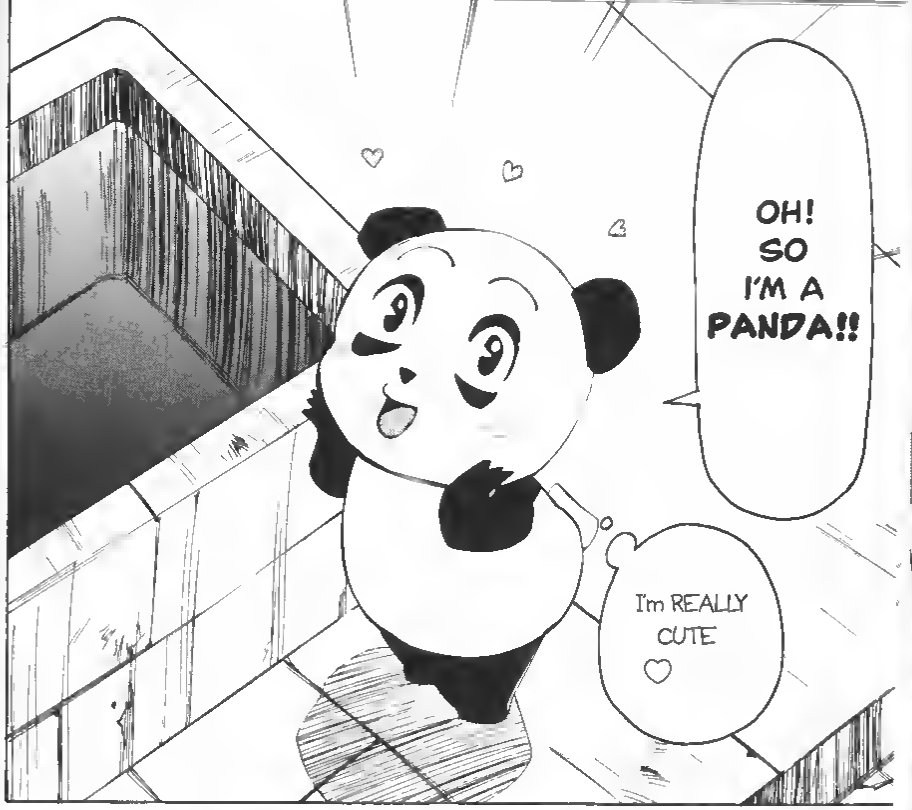
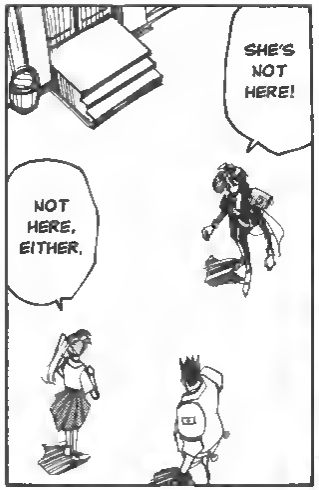

WELL, YOU WERE LOOKING PRETTY GRIM.
YOU'RE SO KIND TO HELP ME LIKE THIS, EVEN THOUGH WE JUST MET.
THE LEGENDARY "SOUP FOR SADNESS" IS DONE!
SIMMER SIMMER
TELL YOU WHAT- JUST TRY SOME OF THIS.
SOB SOB
I'M SO DEPRESSED. I...JUST GOT DUMPED!
WHIMPER
YOU'LL FORGET ALL ABOUT YOUR SADNESS.
MISS PANDA?
WAIT!
BUT I DON'T FEEL SAD.
WHY DON'T YOU HAVE SOME, MISS PANDA?
Forgetting about it still doesn't mean I can go back to Elf form though.
HEH HEH. I'M GONNA FORGET ABOUT THIS PANDA STUFF WITH THIS SOUP!!
sparkle
TA-DAH
I MIGHT LOOK LIKE A PANDA, BUT I'M REALLY AN ELF, LIKE THIS!
OH REALLY?!
THAT'S RIGHT! I'M MAD ABOUT THIS BODY OF MINE!! THOUGH I HAVE GOTTEN KINDA USED TO IT...
WHAT'S THAT?
OH. BEFORE WE EAT.
LET ME TELL YOU ONE MORE THING.
SO PROMISE ME...
BUT IF YOU HAVE TOO MUCH, YOU'LL FORGET EVERYTHING, EVEN THE IMPORTANT THINGS.
THIS IS GREAT SOUP.

EH?
whirl whirl キョロ キョロ
EH?
WHO AM I ?!
WHERE AM I ?!
WHERE CAN I FIND A MIRROR?
OH, THERE'S A WATER WELL.
hmmm
WHAT WAS I DOING?
ONE THING'S FOR SURE, I ATE TOO MUCH OF SOMETHING.
burp
OH DEAR... MY TUMMY IS SO FULL.

GLARE
NO MATTER HOW DELICIOUS IT IS, ABSOLUTELY NO SECOND SERVINGS!
OKAY?!
But I'm NOT a panda.
HEY I'M NOT THAT HUNGRY, EITHER.
smile
YOU BE CAREFUL TOO, MISS PANDA!
OF COURSE! I'M NOT GREEDY!
HUH?
burp
NOW THEN ...
LET'S EAT!!


OH! SO I'M A PANDA!!
I'm REALLY CUTE

I GUESS I SHOULD GO TO THE MOUNTAINS, THEN.

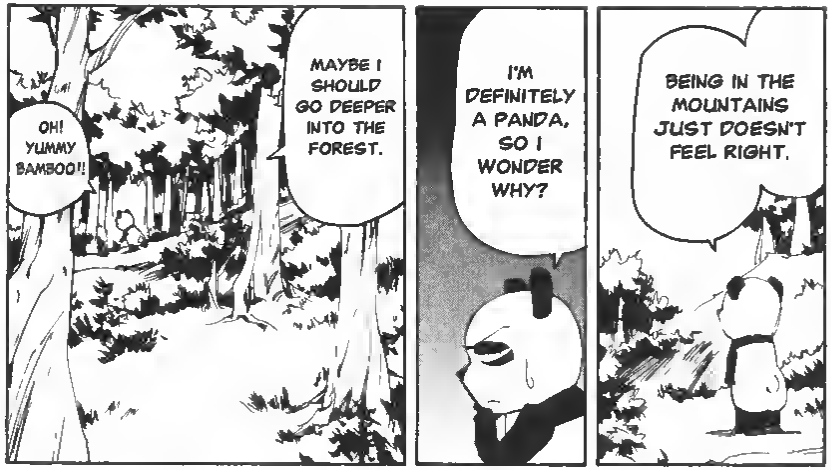

SHE'S NOT HERE!
NOT HERE, EITHER.

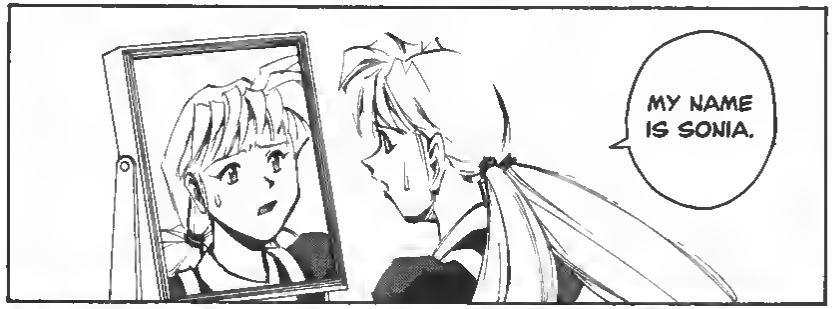
CELCIA!
CELCIA!

IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS.
IDIOT. WHERE'D SHE RUN OFF TO?

PHEW...

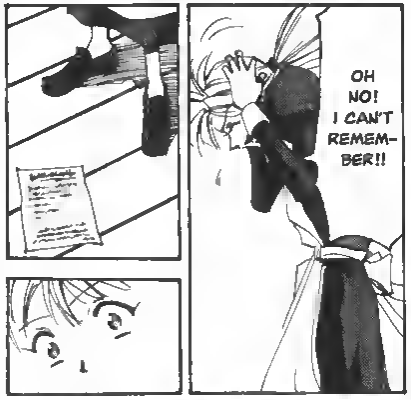
THAT'S NOT FUNNY!
I BET SHE REALIZED SHE'S A PANDA AND IS OFF MUNCHING BAMBOO.


OH! YUMMY BAMBOO!!
MAYBE I SHOULD GO DEEPER INTO THE FOREST.
I'M DEFINITELY A PANDA, SO I WONDER WHY?
BEING IN THE MOUNTAINS JUST DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT.

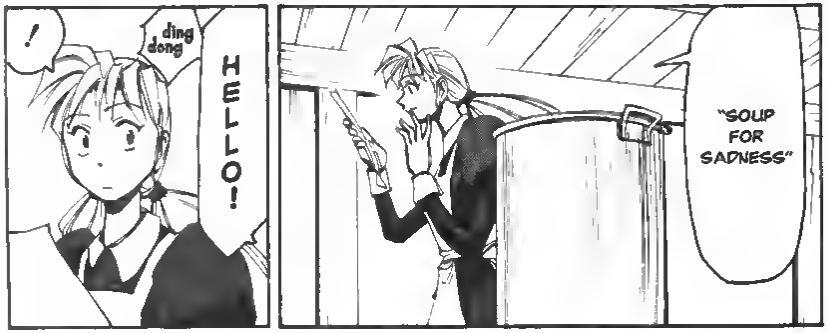

MY NAME IS SONIA.

AND THIS IS MY RESTAURANT, LILY OF THE VALLEY.
I KNOW THAT MUCH.

NO. I DON'T THINK SO. SOMEONE ELSE DID...
DID I MAKE IT?
IT'S ALMOST GONE... BUT WHAT WAS IT?
WHAT I DON'T GET IS THIS SOUP.

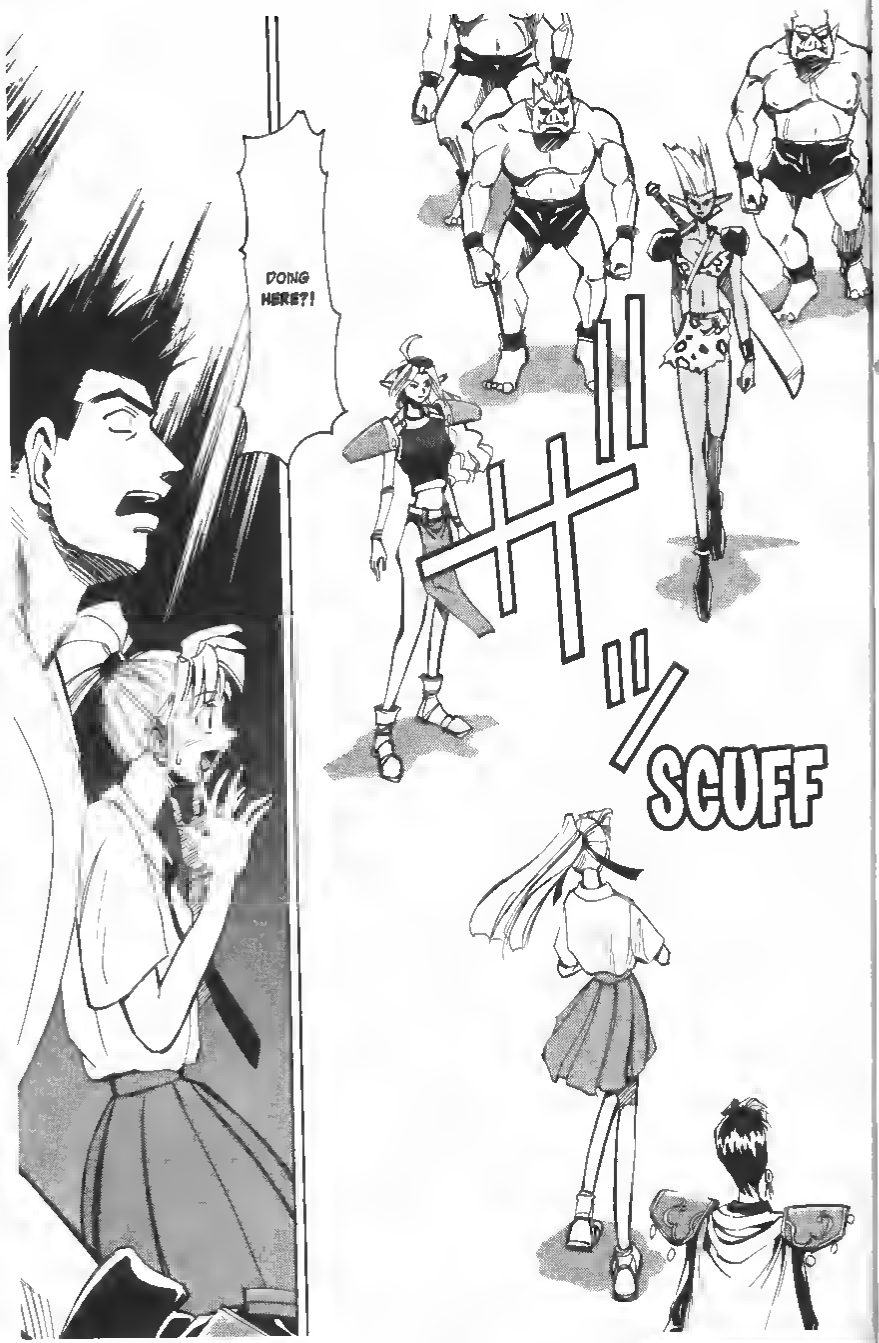

OH NO! I CAN'T REMEMBER!!

THIS ... IS THE RECIPE.


!
ding dong
HELLO!
"SOUP FOR SADNESS"

LET'S TRY ACROSS THE RIVER.
WE'VE LOOKED EVERY-WHERE IN THIS AREA...
!!
DO YOU NEED SOME HELP?
neigh
AND THE PRIESTS!!
ANNETTE!
HUH?

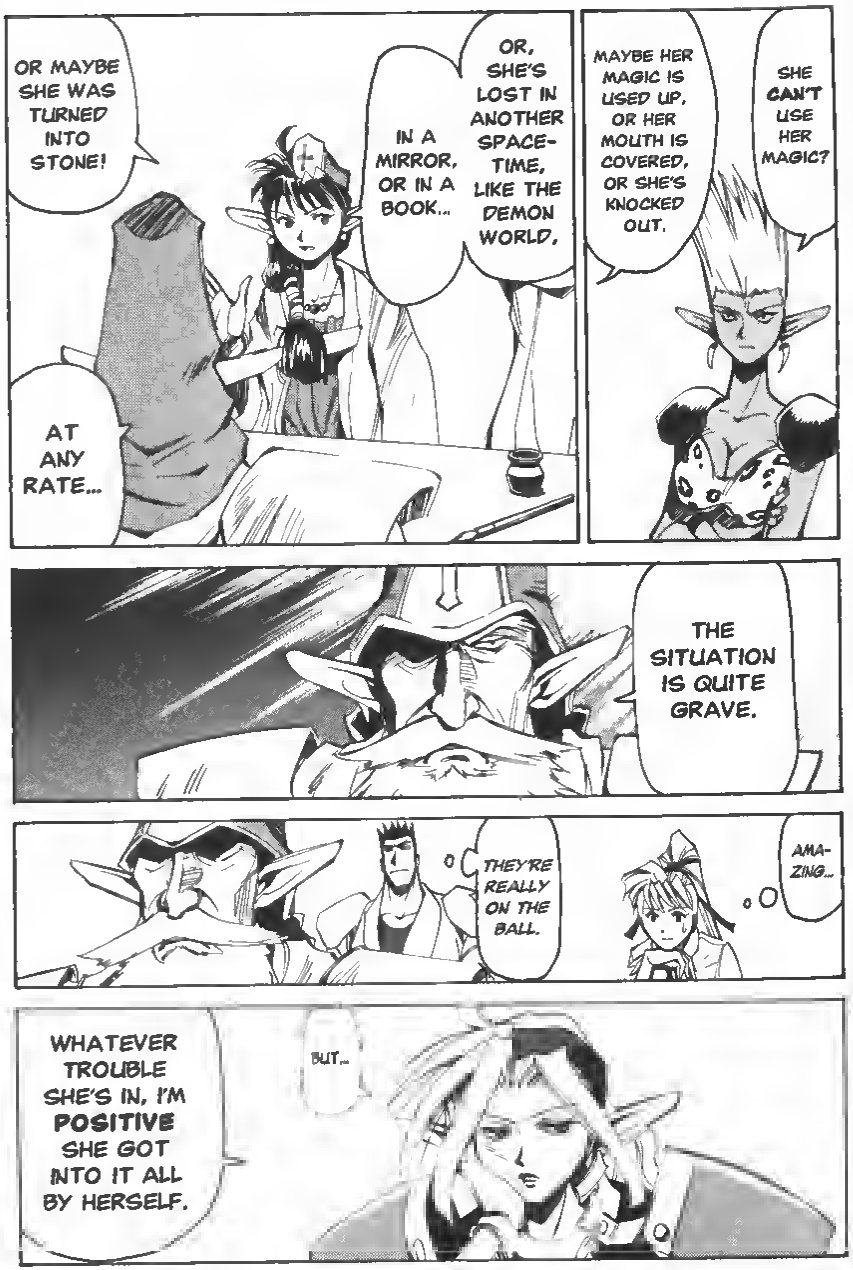
A PANDA?
UM, HAVE YOU SEEN A PANDA, ABOUT THIS TALL?
I THINK I SAW HER. OR NOT.
HMMM.
SHE HAS A WICKED LOOK ABOUT HER.
A PANDA...
.....
LET'S MOVE ON.
I SEE.
I'M SORRY, I DON'T REMEMBER.


DONG HERE?!
SCUFF

WHAT ARE ALL OF YOU...

I'M HERE, TOO, JUNPEI!
REBECCA!!
FWHIP

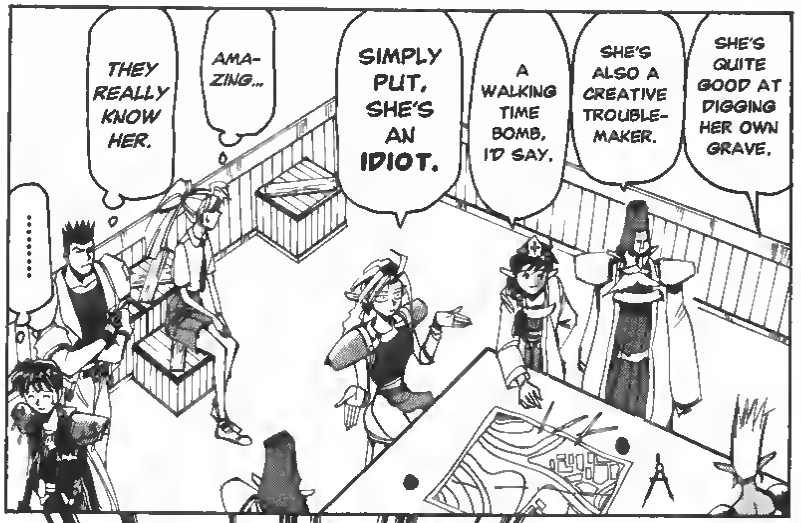
TA-DAH
LONG TIME NO SEE.
GABRIELLA!!
AND HER FRIENDS!!


OR MAYBE SHE WAS TURNED INTO STONE!
OR, SHE'S LOST IN ANOTHER SPACE-TIME, LIKE THE DEMON WORLD,
IN A MIRROR, OR IN A BOOK...
AT ANY RATE...
SHE CAN'T USE HER MAGIC?
MAYBE HER MAGIC IS USED UP, OR HER MOUTH IS COVERED, OR SHE'S KNOCKED OUT.
THE SITUATION IS QUITE GRAVE.
THEY'RE REALLY ON THE BALL.
AMA-ZING...
WHATEVER TROUBLE SHE'S IN, I'M POSITIVE SHE GOT INTO IT ALL BY HERSELF.
BUT...

GOOD JOB, AIRI!
I CONTACTED THEM.
I THOUGHT CELCIA MIGHT'VE BEEN VISITING THEM.
SO, CAN YOU FILL US IN?
WE WEREN'T BUSY.
WE WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY.
I NEVER EXPECTED THEM TO COME, THOUGH.
THAT SHE HASN'T CONTACTED US.
IT IS STRANGE...
SO SHE'S IN A SITUATION WHERE SHE CAN'T USE HER MAGIC.
WITH HER MAGIC, SHE COULD AT LEAST GIVE US A SIGNAL..

LOST
CELCIA MARIECLAIRE

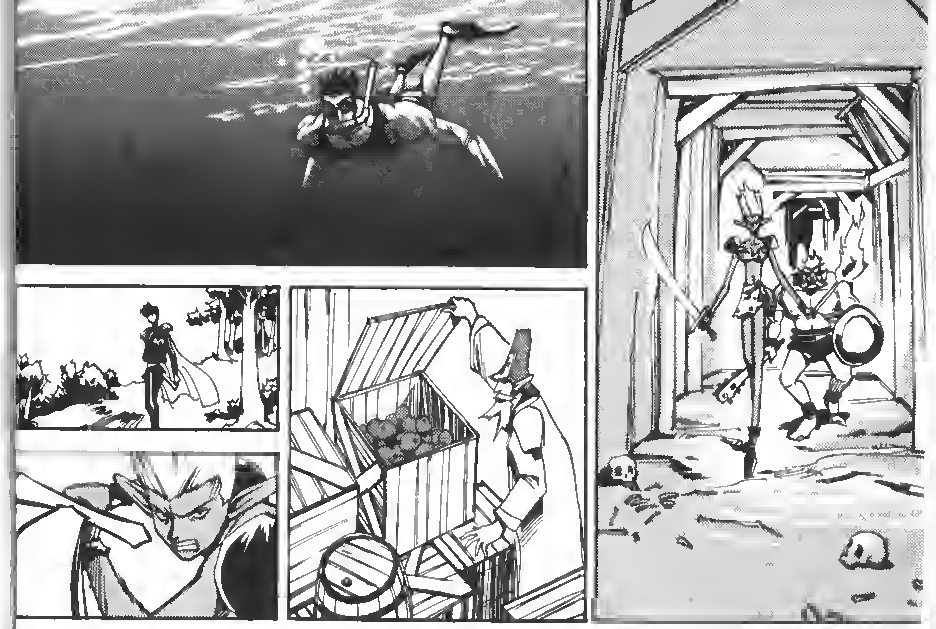
LOST


THEY REALLY KNOW HER.
AMA-ZING...
SIMPLY PUT, SHE'S AN IDIOT.
A WALKING TIME BOMB, I'D SAY.
SHE'S ALSO A CREATIVE TROUBLE-MAKER.
SHE'S QUITE GOOD AT DIGGING HER OWN GRAVE.
.....

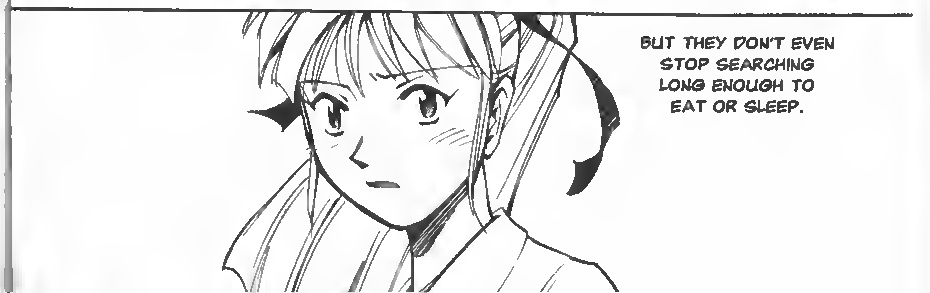
FWHIP
LEAVE IT TO US!
RIGHT!
NOW THEN! LET US TAKE OUR POSITIONS!

CAN YOU FEEL IT, CELCIA?

HURRY BACK TO US...
EVERYONE IS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

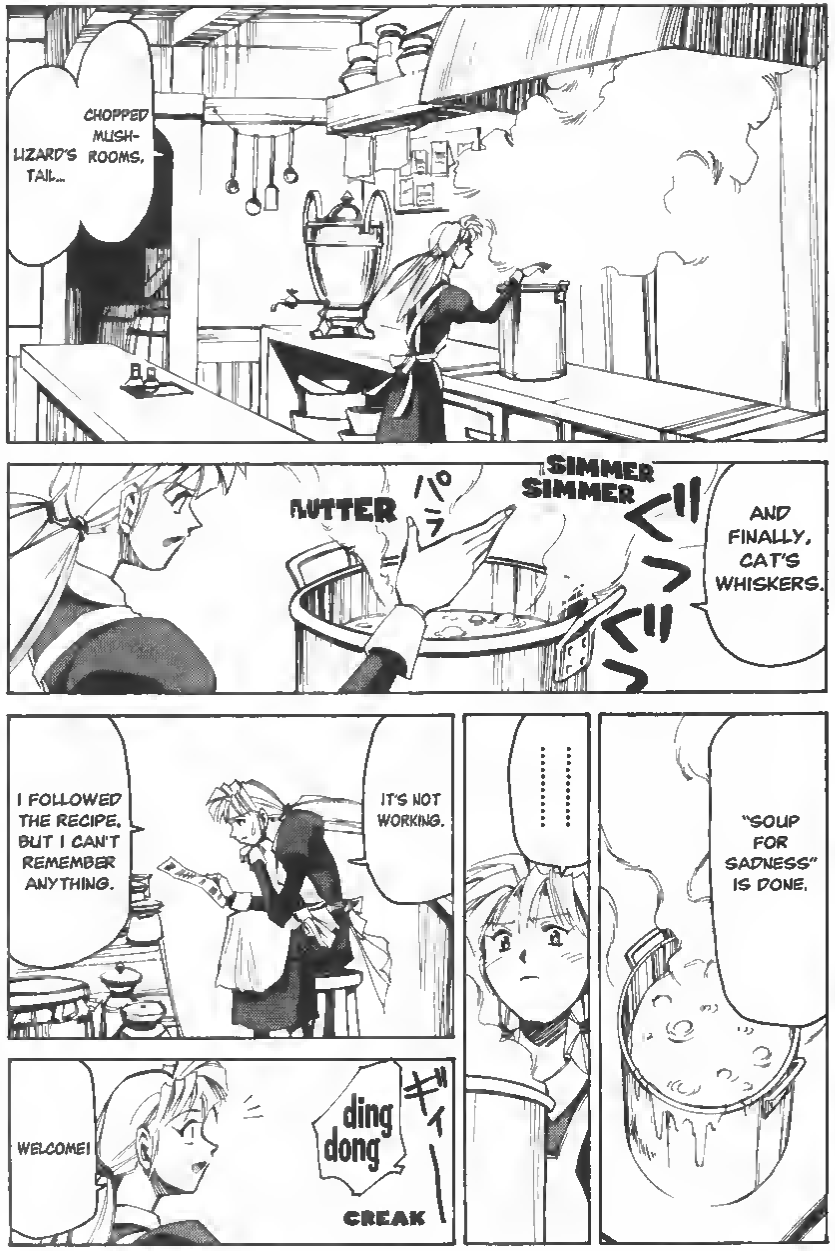


EVERYONE COMPLAINS ABOUT HER FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER...


BUT THEY DON'T EVEN STOP SEARCHING LONG ENOUGH TO EAT OR SLEEP.

LIZARDS?
MUSH-ROOMS?
.....
AAAAUGH!!
DON'T WORRY. THIS IS THE LAST ONE.
YUP.
HUH? ANOTHER BOWL?

A-CHOO!
I THINK I CAUGHT A COLD.
UHGH
ぞぞぞ...
shrrrp
.....
I SHOULD EAT OTHER THINGS.
LIKE MUSH-ROOMS AND LIZARDS...
I'VE EATEN NOTHING BUT BAMBOO FOR A WEEK. NOT A HEALTHY DIET.


CHOPPED MUSHROOMS, LIZARD'S TAIL...
SIMMER SIMMER
AND FINALLY, CAT'S WHISKERS.
I FOLLOWED THE RECIPE, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING.
IT'S NOT WORKING.
"SOUP FOR SADNESS" IS DONE.
WELCOME!
ding dong
CREAK

I REMEMBER!!

YOU'RE THE PEOPLE LOOKING FOR THE PANDA, RIGHT?
そろそろ
TRUDGE TRUDGE
PHEEW!
sob
FWUMP
I'M SORRY YOU HAVEN'T FOUND YOUR PANDA YET.
YOU ALL LOOK SO SAD.
ANY-THING'LL DO.
JUST FEED ME.

OH "SAD" REMINDS ME OF...
WHAT PERFECT TIMING!!
THAT'S RIGHT!! そうよ!!
HOW COULD I MAKE SUCH A MISTAKE?! I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAD SO MUCH SOUP AND THAT I GOT AMNESIA!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
ナニッ
DASH

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!!
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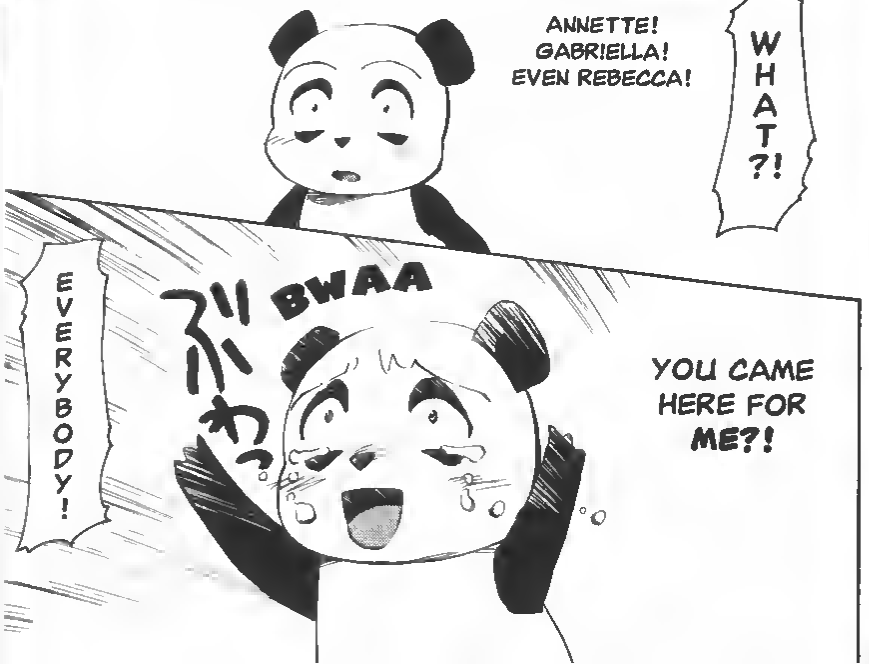
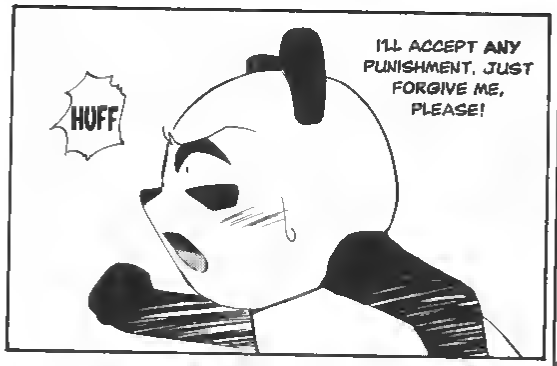
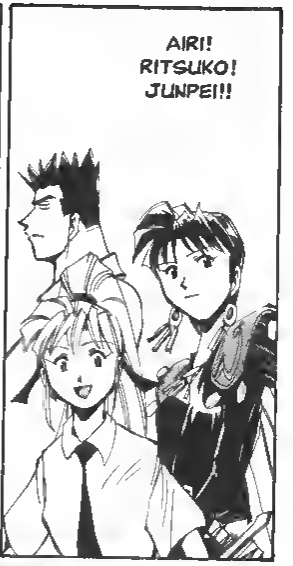
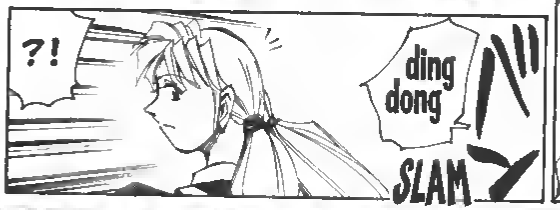

ANNETTE!
GABRIELLA!
EVEN REBECCA!
WHAT?!
BWAA
EVERYBODY!
YOU CAME HERE FOR ME?!


HUFF
I'LL ACCEPT ANY PUNISHMENT, JUST FORGIVE ME, PLEASE!


AIRI!
RITSUKO!
JUNPEI!!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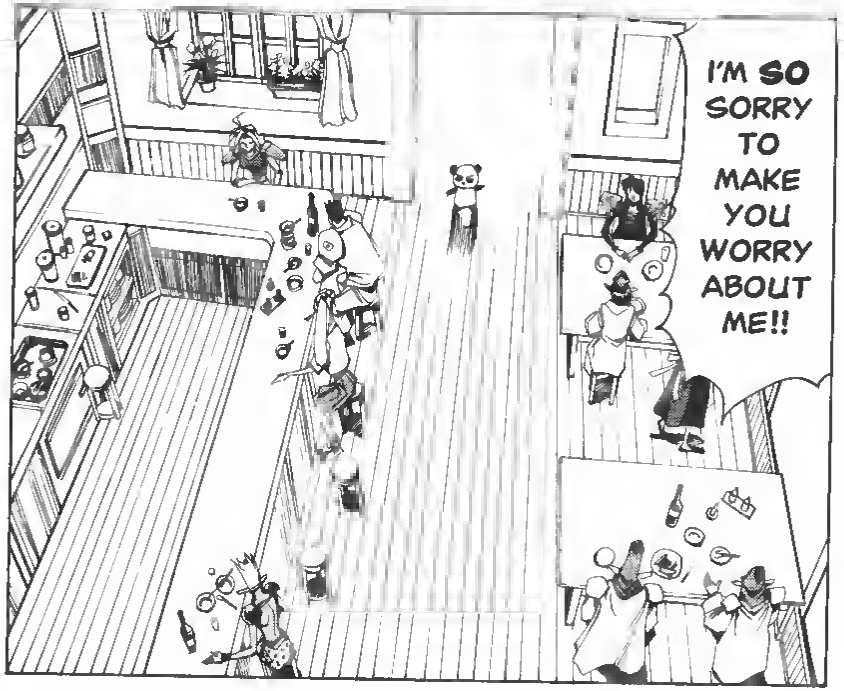
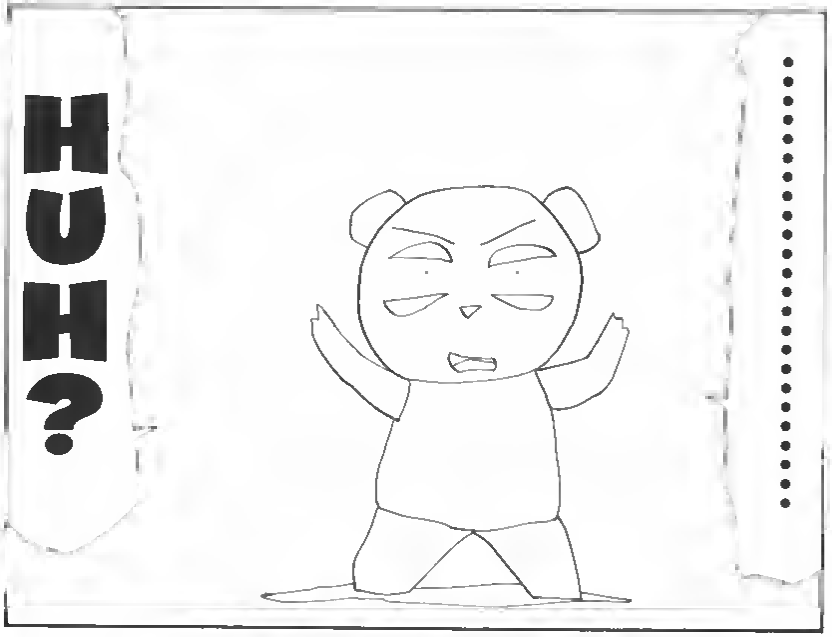
ding dong
SLAM


I'M SO SORRY TO MAKE YOU WORRY ABOUT ME!!

NO WAY!
IS IT YOURS?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
IS IT SOME-BODY'S PET?
WHAT'S THIS PANDA DOING?


HUH?
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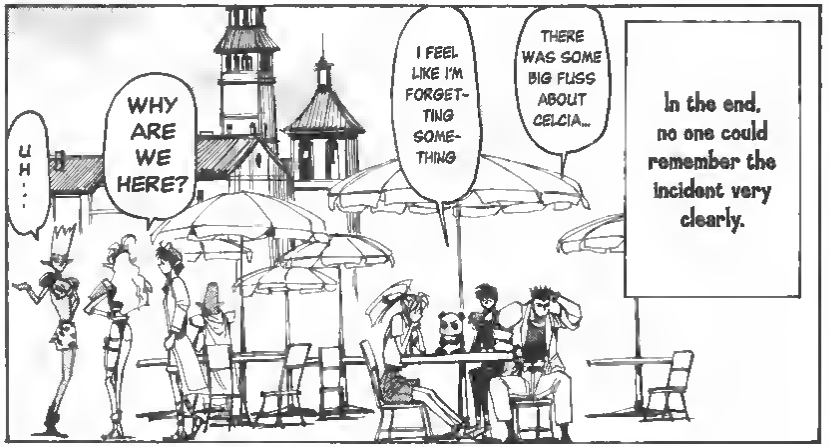
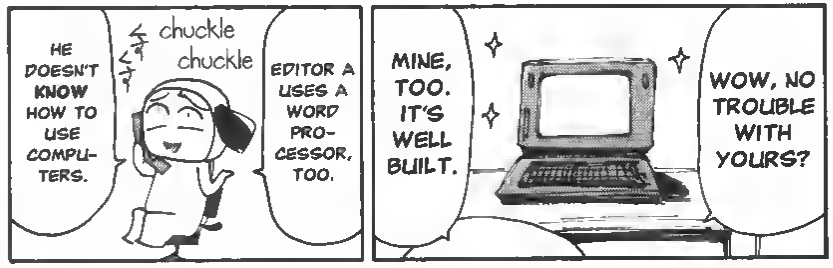
YES?
HEY YOU.
ding dong
SLAM
I'M GONNA CALL ANIMAL CONTROL.
GO BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN.
IT SEEMS FRIENDLY.
OKAY.
LET'S GO.
LET'S GO HOME AND SLEEP.
WELL, WE'RE DONE HERE.
YOU DIDN'T EAT THE SOUP, DID YOU?

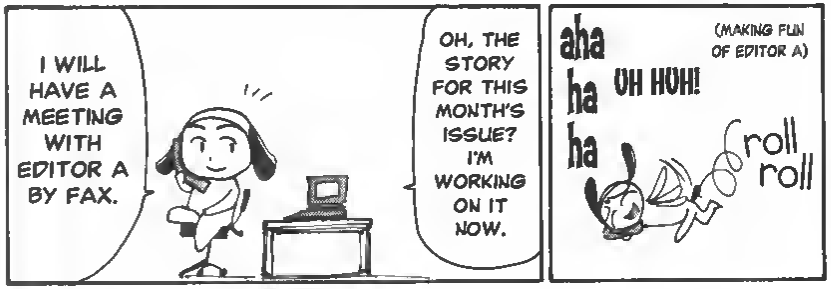
GORRR
GIVE ME SOME OF THAT SOUP.
AN EXTRA LARGE SERVING!!


UH...
WHY ARE WE HERE?
I FEEL LIKE I'M FORGETTING SOMETHING
THERE WAS SOME BIG FUSS ABOUT CELCIA...
In the end, no one could remember the incident very clearly.

BONUS MANGA
I ALWAYS USE MY WORD PROCESSOR TO WRITE THE STORY FOR THE MANGA.
THAT'S HOW EDITOR A DOES IT.
WHEN MY WORD PROCESSOR BROKE DOWN
YU YAGAMI

OH, YOURS IS TOO?
NO. IT'S A SIX YEAR OLD WORD PRO-CESSOR.
OH HOH! OH HOH! (MAKING FUN OF EDITOR A)
aha ha ha
HE IS...
OH YEAH, MR. YOSHITOMI, HE'S YOUR EDITOR TOO, RIGHT?


HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO USE COMPU-TERS.
chuckle chuckle
EDITOR A USES A WORD PRO-CESSOR, TOO.
MINE, TOO. IT'S WELL BUILT.
WOW, NO TROUBLE WITH YOURS?


I WILL HAVE A MEETING WITH EDITOR A BY FAX.
OH, THE STORY FOR THIS MONTH'S ISSUE? I'M WORKING ON IT NOW.
aha ha ha
OH HOH! (MAKING FUN OF EDITOR A)
roll roll

← WHAT IS THIS **MYSTERIOUS** ILLUSTRATION?

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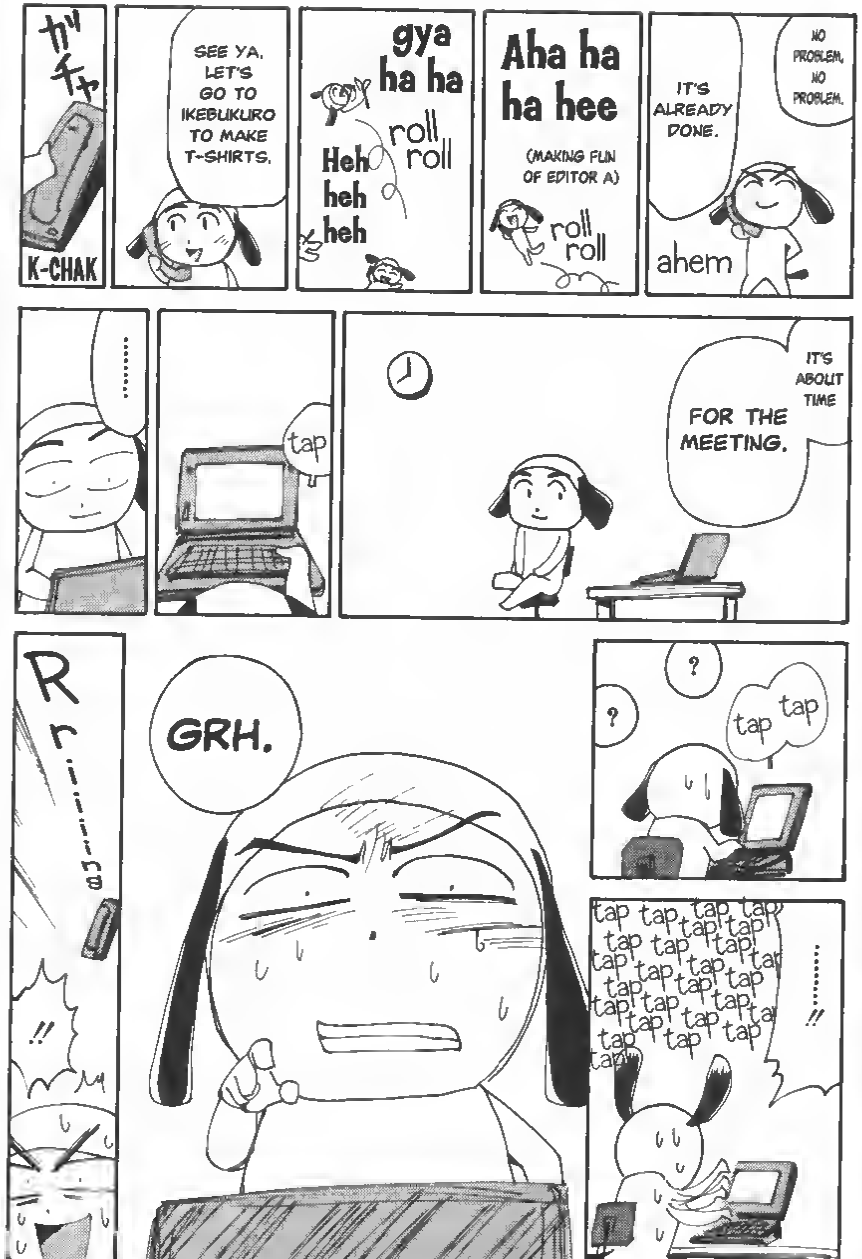
This is Annette, who was introduced to the readers in DX. It's been a while since then. Her outfit is what she had on in the anime version of "Elves."

(A subliminal advertisement for the anime)

IT WAS READY, BUT... UM, UH...
OF COURSE, I'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT FOR THREE DAYS AND IT'S READY...
YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE STORY?
OH, IT'S YOU, EDITOR A.
HOW ARE YOU?
I don't have a modem either
So I can't send you a fax
So I can't print it
just now
MY WORD PROCESSOR BROKE DOWN
YOU CALL YOURSELF A MANGA AUTHOR?! YOU COULD AT LEAST COME UP WITH A BETTER EXCUSE!
SEVERAL DAYS LATER. MR. YOSHITOMI'S WORD PROCESSOR BROKE DOWN. WAS IT A CURSE SENT BY EDITOR A?
TRUE STORY


K-CHAK
SEE YA. LET'S GO TO IKEBUKURO TO MAKE T-SHIRTS.
gya ha ha
Heh heh heh
roll roll
Aha ha ha hee
(MAKING FUN OF EDITOR A)
roll roll
IT'S ALREADY DONE.
NO PROBLEM, NO PROBLEM.
ahem
tap
IT'S ABOUT TIME
FOR THE MEETING.
Rr...
GRH.
?
tap tap

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PG. 47

Loyal Pachiko

This is a parody of ***chuken hachiko***, which means "loyal Hachiko." A statue of this famous dog was erected in front of Shibuya station in 1934, melted down for the war effort during World War II, and replaced with a new statue in 1947. The joke works because in Japanese, the only difference between the characters ha and pa is a small circle.

PG. 81

Geocentric vs. Heliocentric

The Kanji characters used for "geocentric" literally mean "the heaven moves" and ones for "heliocentric" literally mean "the earth moves." In Japanese, the directness of these words adds more flavor to the joke.

PG. 142

Of stones and wolves

This is based on the story "The Wolf & Seven Kids" by the Brothers Grimm.

PG. 179

Sneezing

It is a Japanese superstition that if you sneeze, someone is talking about you.

PG. 191

Word processor

By "word processor," the author here is referring to those typewriter-like, self-contained machines used back in the day (and not a word processing program).